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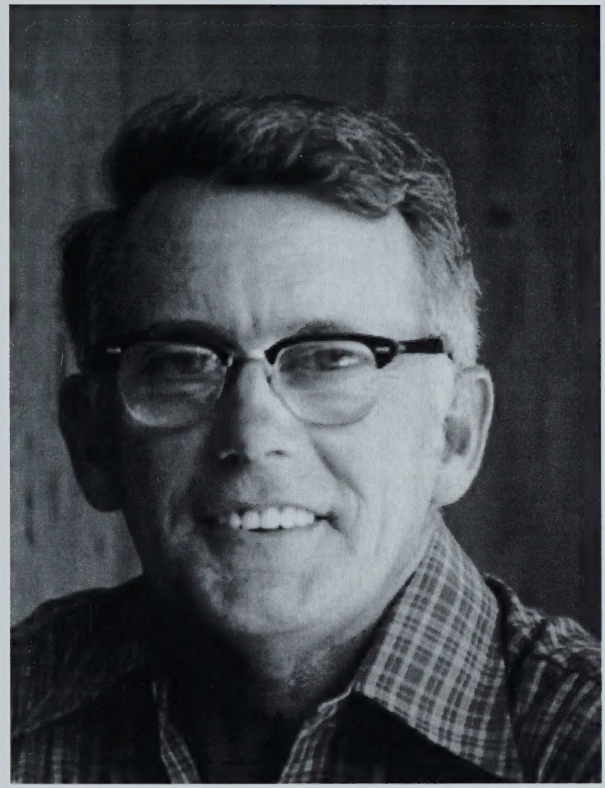

Daniel C. Towse
Conservation Commissioner

2008 Annual Report

On the cover:

Daniel C. Towse
Conservation Commissioner

Daniel Charles Towse has been a resident of Stoneham since 1936. He graduated from Stoneham High School in 1942.

Dan has served our community in an exemplary manner in the following capacities:

Public Works Department Park & Tree Division – Foreman – Tree Warden	1946 - 1968	
Personnel Board	1956	Employees' Representative
Planning Board	1960 - 1966	Member/Chairman
Selectman	1965 - 1969	
State Representative	1/1/69 – 1/1/75	
Town Moderator	1973 - 1977	
Conservation Commission Administrator Whip Hill Park Trust	1963 - 1987; 1972 – Present	1997 - 2009

Dan has always demonstrated the highest ideals of governmental service by carrying out his commitments and responsibilities with the best interests of the townspeople at heart.

His first service to his country, state, and town came in World War II as an infantry rifle squad leader. He earned a battlefield promotion to Sergeant and was awarded the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge and three Battle Stars for his Service in Europe with the 385th Infantry Regiment, 76th Division of Patton's Third Army.

Dan and his wife Marian celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. They have three daughters, Linda, Janet, and Amy.

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Board of Selectmen

Left to right: Front Row: Selectman R. Paul Rotondi, Chairman John F. DePinto, and Selectman Frank Vallarelli. Back Row: Selectman Richard S. Gregorio and Selectman Robert W. Sweeney.

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General Information

Incorporated:	December 17, 1725
Population:	22,914
Land Area:	6.6 square miles
Location:	Ten miles north of Boston; close proximity to Interstate Highways 93 and 128
Form of Government:	Open Town Meeting Selectmen/Town Administrator
Annual Town Election:	First Tuesday in April
Annual Town Meeting:	First Monday in May
Town Operating Budget (FY09):	$59,454,624
1 Assessed Valuation (FY09):	$3,147,420,861
2008 Tax Rate: Residential Commercial	 $10.88 $18.12
Senators in Congress:	Edward M. Kennedy John F. Kerry
Representative in Congress: (Seventh Congressional District)	Edward J. Markey
Sixth Councillor District:	Michael J. Callahan
Middlesex and Essex Senatorial District:	Richard Tisei
30th Representative District	James Dwyer
31st Representative District	Jason Lewis
District Court:	4th East Middlesex Woburn, Massachusetts

Stoneham
A Brief Profile

Once a major shoe manufacturing center, the Stoneham of today is a residential community whose commerce includes a balanced mix of retailing, service businesses, and a scattering of light manufacturing.

Recreational facilities abound in Stoneham. Supervised summer programs are provided at our seven playgrounds and thirteen tennis courts. Little League Baseball, Youth Basketball, Pop Warner Football, Youth Hockey, and Soccer Club are all active in our town. The Stoneham Boys and Girls Club provides indoor recreation year round. Town-owned Unicorn Recreational nine-hole golf course, par three Stoneham Oaks golf course, and an indoor heated skating rink at Unicorn Arena are available for community use. There is also a private nine-hole golf course at Bear Hill Country Club. Our Whip Hill wildlife sanctuary and manor house, consisting of over thirty acres, is a prized asset of Stoneham. The Walter D. Stone Memorial Zoo attracts many visitors.

The Middlesex Fells Reservation, one of the State's largest parks, comprises a major portion of Stoneham (32%) and offers nature trails, bridle paths, and picnicking. The Department of Conservation and Recreation facilities in Stoneham consist of the following:

Swimming Pool
Bear Hill Observatory
Spot Pond
Outdoor Skating Rink

Stoneham has an outstanding public school system, including Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School, and also offers private education at St. Patrick's School, Seventh Day Adventist School, and private kindergartens.

Churches include All Saints Episcopal, First Baptist, First Congregational, St. James United Methodist, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic, and Stoneham Memorial Seventh Day Adventist.

Central Animal Hospital and Stoneham Animal Hospital both care for our pet population.

Stoneham's Senior Center is a source of pleasure for our elder residents, whether they partake of the noontime meal or join in the many planned activities for their enjoyment.

Public housing is available for both senior and low income residents. The Town is 98% sewered, and the Public Works Department renders outstanding service as to plowing, sanding, etc.

Comcast, RCN, and Verizon provide cable television service in Stoneham, allowing for a choice.

Our local newspapers, the Stoneham Independent and the Stoneham Sun, are published weekly.

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
2008

MODERATOR

	Terms Expire
Michael J. Rotondi	2009

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

R. Paul Rotondi	2009
Robert W. Sweeney	2009
Frank Vallarelli	2010
John F. DePinto, Chairman	2010
Richard S. Gregorio	2011

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Marie T. Christie	2009
Marc Grimaldi	2009
Joseph C. Viselli	2010
Shelly MacNeill	2011
David C. Maurer	2011

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Craig J. Celli, Chairman	2009
Richard D. Mangerian	2010
William J. Jordan	2011

TOWN CLERK

John J. Hanright	2010

BOARD OF HEALTH

John J. Scullin	2009
Daniel T. Doherty	2010
Christine M. Carino	2011

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Catherine F. DiDonato	2009
Jane Francis	2009
Susan K. Doucette	2010
Susan Waldman Fixman	2010
Rocco Ciccarello	2011
Michael Rora	2011

NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Anthony DeTeso	2012

PLANNING BOARD

Kevin Dolan	2009
Stephen R. Catalano	2010
Thomas J. O'Grady	2011
August S. Niewenhous, III	2012
Kevin C. McLaughlin	2013

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Edward J. Pinato	2009
Vincent L. Orsillo	2010
William F. Jordan	2011
Frederick F. Mosley, Chairman	2013
Rosemary Trask, Governor's Appointee	2001
Joanne Graves, Executive Director	Ex-officio

CONSTABLES

Fredric Kranefuss	
2009	
Robert E. Moreira	2009
Robert W. Nardone	2009

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

James J. McDermott, Jr., Employees' Representative	2009
Elsie M. Wallace, Employees' Representative	2009
Janice T. Houghton, Chairman	2009
Cosmo M. Ciccarello, Designee of the Board of Selectmen	
Ronald J. Florino, Town Accountant	Ex-Officio

BOARD OF APPEALS

Gerard J. Cunningham	2009
Laurence J. Rotondi	2010
Raymond Michael Dufour	2010
James A. Juliano	2011
Henry T. Sampson	2011
Timothy Libby, Associate Member	2009
Associate Member	2009

BIKE AND GREENWAY COMMITTEE

Cameron Bain, Chairman
Theresa Ward
Peter Daniels
Wendy Smith
Bee Russo, Assoc. Member
Marilyn Regan, Assoc. Member
Robert Vercollone
Rita G. Covelle
Shirley Drinkwater
Joan Terrasi
Robert Conway
Kristen Wigandt
John Ranlett
Trudy Sevier, Assoc. Member
John C. Goodwin, Assoc. Member

BUSINESS CLIMATE COMMITTEE

Ralph Barile
Sharon Iovanni
August Niewenhous
Alan Melkonian
Janice Houghton
Cheryl Walsh

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sean Cronin
Richard Gregorio
Kevin McLaughlin
Les Olson
Eric Rubin

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Patrick F. Jordan, Jr. (Resigned 7/30/08)	2009
Daniel C. Towse	2009
Norman L'Esperance	2010
Walter Lynch	2010
James A. Juliano, Jr., Chairman	2011
Robert Parsons	2011
David F. Oberhauser	2011
Robert E. Conway, Assoc. Member	2010
Ellen McBride, Assoc. Member	2010

COUNCIL ON AGING

Sarkis Babikian	2011
Marcia M. Wengen	2011
Ralph Barile	2009
Alice M. Blackwell	2009
Marjorie Neylon	2009
Richard Bardet	2010
Dorothy A. Corkum	2010

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Susan Doucette	10/7/09
Kathleen T. Holland	10/7/09
Melissa Powers	10/7/09
Catherine A. Granese	9/21/10
Grace L. Tringale	2/27/10
Rosann M. Hansen	4/30/11
Jane C. DiGangi	9/21/11

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Fire Chief Joseph Rolli
Police Chief Richard Bongiorno
David A. Portman, Action Ambulance Service, Inc.

FINANCE & ADVISORY BOARD

Jeanne Craigie	2009
James C. Sinclair	2009
Russ Wilson	2009
Benjamin A. Caggiano	2010
John P. DeAmicis	2010
Matt Fuller	2010
John C. Warren, Chairman	2010
Stephen Born	2011
Nicholas Stavre	2011
William Previdi	2011

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Marcia M. Wengen	2009
Christopher Willard	2009
David Armato	2010
Stephen E. Rotondi	2010
Margaret O. Warren	2010
Joanne DiMambro	2011
Joan Quigley	2011

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Donna M. Weiss, President
Mary K. Marchant, 1st Vice President
Stephen E. Rotondi, 2nd Vice President
Susan Doucette, Secretary
Donald F. Marchant, Treasurer

LAND AND BUILDING USE COMMITTEE

John Bracciotti	James Juliano, Jr.	Catherine Moore
Kristen Russo	Marcia Wengen	

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Michael Doucette	Fredric Kranefuss	James Lamb
Frederick Mosley	James Standish	Natalee Webb, Chairman

MYSTIC VALLEY ELDER SERVICES

Jane Lavender	9/30/10

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Dennis J. Visconti	2009
Therese DiBlasi	2010
Stephen P. Sylvester	2010
Chris Abreu, Chairman	2011
Denise Healy	2011
Maureen Houghton	2011
Stephen G. McDonough	2011
James Sarno	2011

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Theresa A. Ward	2009
Lawrence C. Allen	2010
Rocco Ciccarello	2011
John J. Hanright, Town Clerk	Ex-Officio

SPORTS FACILITY COMMITTEE

Kevin Dolan	Charles F. Houghton	Dana Marek
Robert Nolan	Thomas O'Grady	Paul Sacco

STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

John Bowen	Cosmo M. Ciccarello	Gordon E. Perks
Peter B. D'Angelo	Patrick F. Jordan, Jr.	

TOWN OPERATIONS/STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Benjamin Caggiano	Stephen G. MacLeod	James A. Juliano, Sr.
Eugene M. Passaro	Maureen Soley	

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Mary S. Bond	Francis Roberts
Frederick Mosley	Guerino Tamburrini

WATER AND SEWER REVIEW BOARD

Tracey Butterworth – Selectmen Designee	2009
Therese DiBlasi, Chairman – Finance Board Designee	2009
Stephen a. Quattrocchi - Selectmen Designee	2010
John L. Bracciotti – Finance Board Designee	2010
Richard Mangerian - Selectmen Designee	2011

APPOINTED TOWN POSITIONS
2008

Town Administrator.....David Ragucci

Director of Assessing.....Brian Macdonald

Inspector of Buildings.....Cheryl Noble

Director of Civil Preparedness.....Joseph Rolli

Fence Viewer.....Cheryl Noble

Fire Chief.....oseph Rolli

Library Director.....Mary Todd

Police Chief.....Richard Bongiorno

Public Works Director.....Robert E. Grover

Superintendent of Schools.....Les Olson

Town Accountant.....Ronald J. Florino

Town Counsel.....William H. Solomon, Esq.

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector.....Diane Murphy

Asst. Town Treasurer/Tax Collector.....Paulette Gerry

Director of Veterans Services.....Carl Saunders

Town Government Organization

Citizens Elect:

Board of Selectmen
School Committee
Town Clerk
Board of Assessors
Planning Board
Constables
Library Trustees
Board of Health
*Housing Authority
Moderator
Northeast Metropolitan Regional
Vocational School Representative

Selectmen Appoint:

Town Administrator
Town Counsel
Town Accountant
Selectmen's Office Staff
Council on Aging
Board of Appeals
Conservation Commission
Commission for the Handicapped
Historical Commission
Recreation and Open Space Comm.
Registrars of Voters
Designee to Board of Retirement
All multi-member
Boards/Committees unless
otherwise specified

*Four Elected, One Appointed by State EOCD

School Committee Appoints:

Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent of Schools Appoints:

School Staff

Town Administrator Appoints:

Building and Wire Inspectors
Animal Control Officer
Fire Chief
Police Chief
Town Engineer
Treasurer/Tax Collector
Director of Veterans Services
All Other Officers and Employees

Library Trustees Appoint:

Library Director
Library Staff

Town Moderator Appoints:

Finance & Advisory Board
Ad Hoc Committees

Board of Selectmen

2008

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present the 2008 Annual Report to the residents of Stoneham, in accordance with Section 2-31 of the Town Code, which reads as follows:

Every officer in charge of a department shall annually, on or before the tenth day of January, transmit to the Selectmen, in writing, a report containing a statement of the acts and doings of his department for the past financial year; such report shall be printed in the Annual Report.

On April 1, 2008 Richard S. Gregorio was elected to a three-year term as Selectman. On April 8, 2008, the Board reorganized. John F. DePinto was elected Chairman; R. Paul Rotondi, Vice-Chairman; Frank Vallarelli, Secretary; Richard S. Gregorio and Robert W. Sweeney, Members. Muriel Doherty is Office Manager to the Board. In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2-45, of the Town Code, William H. Solomon was reappointed Town Counsel for the Town of Stoneham, on March 4, 2008.

Many applicants were assisted by this office and applications were processed for the Helen Walcott Stockwell Trust, which covers payment of medical bills for Stoneham residents unable to pay medical bills, who qualify. Funds were distributed to various hospitals and physicians. Residents may apply at the Selectmen's office, by phone, mail, or in person, for an application and information.

Seven (7) lots are available at Lindenwood Cemetery to be used for the burial of indigent Stoneham residents. Mrs. Edna H. Kirts donated eight lots to the Town in memory of her father, Charles Cloudman, on October 16, 1979. Residents may contact the Board of Selectmen's office to determine eligibility.

The Board of Selectmen met 24 times during 2008. In addition, there were three Town Meetings held this year and four elections. Members of the Board attended many sub-committee meetings and meetings of other boards, committees, and commissions, in addition to attending conferences. The Board of Selectmen made appointments to boards and committees during the year. Several Public Hearings were held relative to site plan approval; public utilities as to installation of poles and conduits;

public input on projects; and determination and adoption of local tax revenue to be borne by each class of real and personal property. The number of liquor licenses in the town increased from 20 to 26. License revenue in 2008 for all licenses was $66,740.00. In addition, funds were received from the three cable companies in Stoneham and various other businesses.

The war on terrorism and the war in Iraq continue, after the horrendous attacks of 9/11/01. Fire Fighters Sean Fitzgerald and Justin Petrillo from the Stoneham Fire Department were on active duty in Iraq. Police Officer Steven Launie from the Stoneham Police Department was on active duty in Iraq. James O'Brien, Stoneham Arena Assistant, was on active duty. We are thankful that they and the other employees who were on active duty in the past have all returned safely, and we are thankful that Stoneham residents have returned safely. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all the residents of Stoneham who are still serving our country, as well as our armed forces from all over the country. We are proud of them and thankful to them for their service.

The United States, along with the rest of the world, is in a recession the severity of which has not been seen in most of our lifetimes. The Board of Selectmen is striving to continue to provide the services the residents of Stoneham have come to expect, in the face of sharp reductions in State funding to the Town.

On December 2, 2008, the Board of Selectmen held our annual Senior Citizen Holiday Party. This affair was held at Montvale Plaza. The dinner, entertainment, and beautiful dining hall were once again donated by Marty Murphy and his family, owners of Montvale Plaza. About 340 seniors enjoyed dinner, entertainment, raffle prizes, and gifts for all. The Board thanks Marty Murphy along with the businesses and individuals who generously donated money and raffle prizes or who volunteered to serve at the party. Donations of cash or raffle gifts were received from Steven L. Cicatelli, Esq., Felicia's Restaurant, Stoneham Animal Hospital, Charles F. Houghton, Esq., Barile Family Funeral Home, Stoneham Ford, Three Amigos Restaurant, China Moon Restaurant, Stoneham Savings Bank, Dunkin Donuts – 67 Main Street, Weiss Farms, Central Animal Hospital, Hairmates Salon, Shaw's Supermarket, Cimina Contracting, Rep. Casey, Sen. Tisei, Stoneham Theatre, Zoo New England, and Montvale Plaza. Their generosity and hard work contributed to the good time had by all.

The Board of Selectmen, which sets policy for the Town, continues to be receptive to citizen input, not only at public hearings but through phone calls received at home, in our contact with the public, and in phone calls and visits made to our office by the public. The Board, as always, welcomes this input and encourages it. The Board holds public hearings on important issues to give the townspeople and businesses an opportunity to be heard. The Board of Selectmen and its office continue to perform the multiple, diverse functions required by both Town Bylaws and Massachusetts General Law and to assist the public where needed.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank all Town officers, employees, and members of committees for their efforts and dedication during the past year. Their work and cost-cutting contributed to relieving the Town's fiscal situation.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S
2008 ANNUAL REPORT

As 2008 began we were in the middle of a winter that will end with the highest accumulation of snow in recent history. We were also at the start of the country's worse economy many have seen in their life. Even with these challenges the Town did realize $1,358,000.00 in surplus revenue for fiscal year 2008. This was accomplished by departmental turn backs of over $300,000.00 and an increase in projected revenues of over $1,000,000.00. For the first time in many years we have formed a Capital Committee who worked with the administration to identify the capital needs for Stoneham. At the October Town Meeting $494,000.00 was appropriated to address these needs. Unfortunately the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is struggling financially and all cities and towns are potentially facing mid-year local aid cuts. With this in mind we froze the spending on any capital needs, excluding public safety, until we have word from the state as to the size of any potential cuts. Prior to the threat of state aid cuts we did make investments at Stoneham Arena. We replaced the aging boards and glass and installed an energy efficient ceiling which should reduce the utility costs for the Arena.

In 2008 we settled all union contracts. The municipal unions also joined the Town with the ever raising costs of health insurance by agreeing to join the Group Insurance Commission (GIC). This agreement will save Stoneham taxpayers and our employees' money next year and, hopefully, for years to come. In these times whenever both sides can win and save money, it is a true success. We will be back at the negotiating table in 2009 as all of the contracts expire on June 30, 2009. We hope that the spirit and team work continues.

As revenues become scarcer obviously they become more difficult to find, however this year we were successful in bringing in an additional $50,000.00 a year for the next 15 years and then seeing it increase by 2.5 % each year thereafter. This was accomplished by getting an agreement with Clear Channel to erect a bill board on Route 93. Through a vote of town meeting we were also successful in renting a small parcel of the Stevens Street recycling center to a private concern which will pay Stoneham over $16,000.00 annually.

To continue our pro-active approach with our business community we enacted the Downtown Parking Program which saw more available parking spaces in the downtown area and approximately $12,000.00 in fees paid to the Town of Stoneham.

2009 will be the last year of a very favorable trash disposal contract and we have begun negotiations with the present service provider, but it will be very difficult to maintain such a good price. In advance of the anticipated increase for this service we will begin a pilot program for recycling, called Recycle Bank. This program offers rewards, based on the amount of trash a resident will recycle, that can be redeemed in area businesses. The desired results are for the Town to remove tonnage that would be disposed of at an expense to one that would lessen the cost to the Town.

Through a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts we renovated the Stoneham fire house. This grant allowed us to replace the doors and paint the exterior trim of this historic building.

2008 also saw not so obvious changes with the introduction of an updated computer system that will allow the Town to operate more efficiently and be able to provide much more information that will be helpful in managing a 62 million dollar corporation.

All of this can only be accomplished with a hard working and dedicated team. I wish to thank Betty, Deb, and Ginny along with all of the employees of Stoneham for their tireless work on behalf of you, the citizens of Stoneham.

Annual Report
Board of Assessors

Board of Assessors:

William Jordan	Chairman
Craig Celli	Secretary
Richard D Mangerian	Member

Stoneham Assessors office staff:

Brian C Macdonald	Director of Assessing
Diane F. Lawrence	Admin Assessing Assistant
Michelle Meagher	Assessing Clerk

The calendar year 2008 began with the release of the actual tax bills for the 2008 Fiscal Year. There were 78 applications for abatement received by the office. There were also 348 statutory exemptions granted by the Board of Assessors as well. The office currently has no pending appeals with the Appellate Tax Board.

Fiscal Year 2009, which began on July 1st, 2008, was a Triennial Revaluation year for Stoneham. Values were adjusted to meet state guidelines and received final approval by the Department of Revenue in early December. During this past year, the office also conducted a full measure and list of all property within the community to comply with the Department of Revenue mandate that all property be inspected every 9 years. The tax classification hearing was held on November 18th, 2007. The Board of Assessors recommended a CIP tax shift of 1.55 or 155% of the single tax rate of $11.70. The recommendation was accepted by the Board of Selectman. This established a dual tax rate for the Residential / Open Space and Commercial / Industrial / Personal Property of $10.88 and $18.12 respectively. The total valuation of the community for FY2009 decreased from the previous fiscal year to $3,147,420,861.

2008 Council on Aging Annual Report

The mission of the Stoneham Council on Aging is to provide outstanding services to seniors by welcoming all to the Senior Center, treating people with kindness, respect and dignity, offering supportive services for social, nutritional and medical needs and providing outreach to all seniors in our community. We also welcome others from the community to participate in certain activities and events.

New Collaboration

This past year we embarked on an exciting collaboration with Community Services Network (CSN) allowing us to come under Sheila Herbeck's 501c3 not-for-profit umbrella. Voters approved Warrant Article 17 permitting this to happen and contract negotiations are underway between CSN and the Town for a ten-year formal agreement. Funding for part-time office staff and a part-time van driver comes from the annual state formula grant. A loyal band of volunteers continue to provide receptionist, meal service, gardening, transportation and socialization activities that equal or exceed services by other Senior Centers with paid staff. In the spring, we also welcomed volunteer students from Malden Catholic High School and several scout troops to assist us with projects at the Senior Center.

Various repairs to our historical building were funded by the balance in our donation account that took several years to accumulate. The dining room floor with its cracked and missing tiles was replaced with a new hardwood floor. The bricks in the chimney were re-pointed and a new, taller flu replaced the existing, undersized one. Plumbing repairs included two new sinks and fixtures in a wall hung vanity. Memorial gifts remembering our dear friend, van driver and handyman extraordinaire Paul Norden funded the purchase of new furniture that provides a more "living room" look to our lobby. Our Friends group paid for the replacement of the cumbersome round tables that seat 10 in the dining room with smaller rectangular tables seating 6-8 people that can be more easily moved and reconfigured. The dining room, now dubbed "Chez Henri", provides a more intimate luncheon atmosphere. The new seating arrangements also support an art class, flower arranging and Thursday afternoon at the movies. We even rented the room for an elegant wedding reception and a happy baby shower.

Services and Activities

While we all cherish our 1852 building, it is the services, activities and outreach to the community that really matter. To that end, Jane Lavender created a ten week extravaganza of how-to events (flower arranging, genealogy), local history presentations (Pleasure Island revisited), theatrical and live performances (Amelia Earhart, Mel Simons' Golden Days of Radio and Mary Shaw's Songs of World War II). Stoneham Bank was the lead sponsor of our *"Fridays at Farm Hill ~life long learning for the fun of it"* and the events garnered rave reviews and requests for a new series in 2009.

Our services become increasingly important as the number of seniors is rising in Stoneham. In the years 1990-2000, there was a 6.1% increase in those residents over the age of sixty. The Executive Office of Elder Affairs in Boston projects change in the years 2000-2010 of 9.0% and change in the years 2000-2020 is 30.7% reflecting the "baby-boomer" generation. We were excited to have Mike Festa, newly appointed Secretary of Elder Affairs, visit with us in June to discuss his vision for Elder Services

and the Community Choice program that continues looking for options that enable people to stay in their homes even though they are nursing home eligible.

We continue to offer many health programs in cooperation with Winchester Hospital, Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, the Board of Health, and other agencies to bring many health related clinics, fairs, lectures, and materials to our seniors. We work closely with Mystic Valley Elder Services in identifying those seniors in need of additional services such as homecare, meals-on-wheels, protective services and nursing home placement. We also collaborate with the North Suburban Family Network, Hospice, Homecare Agencies, visiting nurse associations, local physicians, rehabilitation programs, adult day health programs, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, AARP, Veterans' services, local State and Federal officials, Mass Health, Red Cross, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Massachusetts Transitional Job Services, Social Security, Mental Health Organizations, local churches and schools.

The Senior Center offers numerous activities on weekdays, evenings and Saturday mornings. Classes and self-directed activities include Yoga, Tai Chi, Quilting, Knitting, Strength Training, Fitness, Line Dancing, Bridge, Cribbage, Scrabble, Bingo, Painting, Canasta, Chair Caning, Belly Dancing, Bocce, Horseshoes, a Wednesday morning walking Group and our delightful Silver Notes Chorus. Mahjong and Texas Hold 'Em were added this year. In addition to the many social activities, we offer income tax preparation, health insurance counseling, attorney services, veterans' assistance, outreach, and volunteer opportunities.

Our meal site continues to grow as people now have a choice of a hot or cold meal five days per week. Our lunch is now served on china with volunteer wait staff adding to the appeal of our dining program.

Other adventures included a very popular digital camera class for beginners and another for intermediate level students, a five week video production class sponsored by Stoneham TV, an antique appraisal afternoon, a live auction sponsored by Ann and John Maratta and an Artist-In-Residence program that resulted in a show of sculpture, paintings and drawings attended by some 200 interested folks. The new Dunkin' Donuts on Franklin Street funded this project and we are most grateful. The Stoneham Cultural Council provided for the Delvena Theater Company to present *Lizzie Borden and the 40 Whacks.* Fortunately, there was no need to erect a gallows on the Common as this Stoneham audience found Lizzie "not guilty"!

Community Outreach

Community outreach activities included our presence at Stoneham's 25th Annual Town Day in September, a Digital TV conversion presentation by Comcast and a free holiday luncheon of Chicken Cordon Bleu that brought 145 of our friends and neighbors together for an afternoon of camaraderie and entrainment.

You may remember that the Stoneham Council on Aging collaborated with Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) to offer a new program for Stoneham residents age 80 and over. Known as PROJECT SAFE, this program is designed to promote safety and independence as well as provide residents with information about the many services available to them.

We are pleased to report that when PROJECT SAFE concluded in February 2008, the outreach workers had completed their home visits to 977 residents, which is 82% of the 1,197 clients identified as over 80. A total of 351 folks sat with the outreach workers to complete the health, safety and emergency survey. Of this group, 128 requested additional information or services, including three who became clients of Mystic Valley and now receive home care services. We would like to say a special thank you to Fire Chief Joe Rolli, who arranged for 10 homes to have new smoke detectors donated from the First Alert Company.

Our strength lies with our substantial community support. Boy Scouts regularly turn to us to sponsor their Eagle Scout Leadership projects and this year was no exception. John Crowe, Troop 513 Flintlock District of the Boston Minuteman Council and crew were able to address energy efficiency of the senior center in four distinct areas. The project included weather stripping all ten doors on the first floor of the building that lead to the outside to prevent the drafts from penetrating the building. The scouts and volunteers replaced or re-aligned all 80+ window locks so that they close properly. The window sills were cleaned and leveled off and weather stripped if necessary. Screens were reattached to the windows.

We were blessed with two significant donations. Maureen Canova and Cara O'Neil not only donated a Nintendo Wii game system by several games as well. Besides the obvious health benefits to the seniors – improved balance, endurance, range of motion and hand-eye coordination – Wii is fun and challenging. Thanks to Christina Lach and Judith McJohn we are the proud owners of an eight foot slate pool table built by the Olhausen Company that has earned the title of "The Best In Billiards". These generous donations add dimension to the activities we are able to offer.

COA Board

The Council on Aging Board of Directors' role is primarily advisory, as we do not have day-to-day management or supervisory responsibilities with regard to the director, staff or volunteers. That said, the COA Board does have an advocacy roles that recognizes, promotes and supports seniors in the community. Since May, the Board members have been brainstorming ideas with the goal of identifying and promoting projects that will benefit Stoneham seniors and help Stoneham to become a more livable community for the exploding population of aging baby boomers. Livable communities can help seniors live independently and safely and make use of community amenities. Current projects include the expected installation of a crosswalk on Elm Street for seniors to cross safely from Duncklee Ave to the Senior Center. A Farmer's Market for the spring of 2009 is in the planning stages. One of our members, Sarkis Babikian, recently completed a Needs Assessment Survey for the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Of the 20 categories, eleven have "opportunities" for improvement, including safety, security, recreational activities and food and nutrition. The seven member Board meets on the third Thursday of each month, except July, August and December. The meetings are open to the public.

Publicity

While word-of-mouth often tends to be the best way to advertise our services, we do publish a monthly newsletter, the *Stoneham Sentinel*, which is available at the Center and distributed by our volunteers around town. Also, weekly press releases are printed in our local newspapers. Many of our activities are posted throughout the town as well as on the local cable television station.

Transportation Collaboration

Transportation remains the number one deficiency on everyone's list. We are working with Mystic Valley Elder Services to plan for a 3-8 town consortium that will address transportation needs of all seniors requiring access for shopping, medical visits, cultural events, library, banking needs, religious services, etc. during daytime hours as well and on evenings and weekends.

Our Thanks

Our Senior Center has a fine reputation of offering a myriad of services to all our seniors. From the most independent to the frailest of seniors, we work very hard to make sure we meet all their needs. We thank all our community leaders, businesses, friends, members, staff, volunteers, and especially the seniors for their continued support.

Marcia M. Wengen, Chairperson, COA Board of Directors

Finance and Advisory Board

The primary responsibility of the Stoneham Finance and Advisory Board is to provide background recommendations to Town Meeting voters. Secondarily, the Board is free to give advice on all matters considered by the Town. The Board is a volunteer and appointed board of eleven.

In 2008, Town Meetings were held as usual in May and October. Office staff of the Town Clerk, Town Administrator, Town Accountant and Board of Selectmen helped to publish Town Meeting materials. All department heads contributed information.

The collapse of world financial markets has had its affects on Stoneham. Those problems and solutions will be addressed by our national and state leaders. Economists forecast a slow recovery over the next five years.

Town residents will address local problems and solutions that are specific to Stoneham. At the end of 2008, the biggest challenge was the Middle School. The Stoneham Middle School issue has two characteristics; a worn out edifice and eliminated staffing. The School Committee with the Board of Selectmen and Finance and Advisory Board have toured and reviewed the facility and have studied and discussed restoration of necessary services. During 2009, the Stoneham Middle School is the leading local item of concern.

The Town's bond rating has not been restored to pre-2007 levels. The FY08 budget was sufficient to fund the year's water and sewer services and restore enterprise reserves to adequate levels. The Stabilization Account ended tbe year with a $2.1M balance. Town Meeting in May used $200,000 in stabilization money to fund library services. With the support of the Finance Board, $558,890 of Stabilization money was used for capital funding in October. The fiscal 2009 Capital Account uses no general fund money.

The largest expense item of recent budgets remains employee and retiree health insurance. Little was done to address that cost when Town Meeting voters approved a balanced FY09 budget in October of $59,454,624. Town employees did accept Group Insurance Commission conditions that can reduce fiscal 2010 costs of the town and contributions of the employees and retirees.

The town closed its fiscal year 2008 with a significant surplus balance. Town operating revenues of $1,100,000 had an excess of $35,000. A Unicorn Recreation revenue forecast of $1,300,000 had a shortfall of $44,000. The Tax collections excess of $765,000 was due to $660,000 of backlogged payments from previous years. Special one time revenues from Medicare, redeemed tax liens, criminal asset seizures and B&M Settlements. Interest income exceeded our town forecast by $300,000. The fiscal 2008 surplus balance gives Stoneham options not available to other communities during fiscal 2009 and 2010.

An active Capital Planning Committee was established in 2008 and a fiscal 2009 capital plan was published.

The Finance and Advisory Board strives to provide a clear vision of town operations. To prepare for 2009, employees and residents will be asked to pay more and to receive less. Until new recurring revenue sources are identified or real spending levels are substantially reduced, Fiscal 2010 projects to be difficult budget facing residents and municipal leaders.

STONEHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF JOSEPH W. ROLLI

The Stoneham Fire Department strives for excellence in the performance of duty and services to the community and citizens it serves. The Stoneham Fire Department is committed to finding better ways to protect the lives and property of its citizens from the ravages of fire and other disasters and is dedicated to working together for the betterment of our community. The Stoneham Fire Departments priorities in handling all emergencies are life safety (citizens and personnel), property protection, and continuity of operations.

The majority of Fire Department resources; including personnel, equipment, facilities, and support services are committed to fire suppression activities. The basic function of fire suppression operations is that of extinguishing fires and performing related duties once a fire occurs. This, however, is not the Fire Department's only function. Throughout the year the Fire department responded to a variety of calls for assistance. In 2008, the Fire Department responded to 2,949 calls ranging from structure fires to service calls.

A reoccurring problem the Fire Department continues to be faced with is the ability to operate effectively due to reduced levels of personnel. Reduced staffing levels, increases in properties to be protected, and an increase in all types of request for assistance have pushed the efficiency of the Fire Department to a maximum level. The following table shows the decrease staffing levels the past years.

STAFFING COMPARISON

Year	Ave. Daily Staffing Level
1990	9.44
2005	7.29
2006	6.96
2007	6.52
2008	6.31

The Fire Department also protects a greater population density of like communities and has the fewest personnel per thousand people than the same communities. The following table compares the Stoneham Fire department to like communities.

COMMUNITY COMPARISONS

Community	Population	Population Density	Fire Dept. Personnel	FF per Thousand
Burlington	23,302	1,973	57	2.45
Danvers	24,174	1,820	49	2.03
Melrose	28,150	5,989	47	1.67
Reading	22,539	2,270	46	2.04
Saugus	25,549	2,325	43	1.70
Tewksbury	27,266	1,316	50	1.83
Wakefield	24,825	3,323	45	1.81
Wilmington	17,651	1,030	37	2.10
Winchester	20,267	3,355	45	2.22
Stoneham	*22,203*	*3,616*	*33*	*1.48*
Average	**25,359**	**2,702**	**45**	**1.93**

These staffing levels are disturbing because the National Fire Protection Association standard states that the absolute minimum amount of personnel responding to a structure fire should be at least twelve. In fact, the Town of Stoneham had a Fire department study done by MMA Consulting Group, Inc. in 2001 that reported that no shift at the Stoneham Fire Department should have less than eight personnel working at all times.

Some of the staffing issues can be attributed to the fact that 2004 (32% decrease) hours were lost due to personnel commitments to the military and 3232 (36% decrease) hours were lost due to injured personnel.

The Stoneham Fire Department has relied upon its mutual aid partners to assist in many emergency calls, most notable the July 4 fire on Winthrop Street that required the services of six surrounding communities to mitigate. Stoneham Fire Department is a member of the Massachusetts Metro Fire District (Metro Fire). Metro Fire is an association of 34 communities plus the Massport (Logan Airport) Fire Department. The association was formed for the purpose of updating, expanding, and controlling mutual aid in the area, and to act as a common entity for exploring and improving management activities and fire protection operations in the region. Metro Fire encompasses the Boston Metropolitan area within the Route 128 perimeter.

The Fire Prevention Division is dedicated to providing the citizens the safest possible environment in which to live. Education, Prevention, and Code Enforcement are all critical functions that provide increased fire safety for the community. Unfortunately, many times throughout the year, Fire Prevention personnel had to be reassigned to keep shift strength at even below minimum standards. The Fire Prevention Division delivered a school fire safety program to the schools from K-3 as well as work with community groups and town day in promoting Fire Prevention.

The Fire Department brought in $90,615.22 into the town coiffeurs in 2008 through master box, permit, and inspection fees as well as training re-imbursement and details.

A $4,464.62 S.A.F.E. grant and a $7,792.00 Fire Equipment grant were awarded to the Fire Department by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well as a $200,000 historical building grant to upgrade the Fire Station.

The Fire Department started "Red Shirt Friday" in May honoring the country's military. The "Red Shirt Friday" was a win-win for all involved. Fire department personnel electing to wear a red tee shirt at work on Fridays donated five dollars every time they wore the tee shirt to the Stoneham chapter of HOT (help our troops).

Firefighters Sean Fitzgerald, Mike Labriola, James McLaughlin Jr., Dave Eastman, and Justin Petrillo were awarded the Scroll of Honor pin for Fire Department personnel who have served in the military in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Fire Department also received the Patriotic Employer certificate from The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves.

Firefighters Dave Bettencourt, Paul Kearny, and Frank Brown retired during the year and replaced with Firefighters Dan Kelleher, Sean Connelly, and Rich Darragh. The three

new recruits successfully completed the 12 week recruit training program at the Massachusetts Fire Academy in the fall.

Once again, the foundation of the Fire Department starts with Secretary Ann Burnham. Being the Fire Department secretary means you must be a good listener, psychologist, friend, mother, accountant, record keeper and confidant to all who work at the Fire Department. The Fire Department is lucky to have Ann Burnham perform all these duties and many more. Special thanks go to Ann Burnham for putting up with all of us.

I would like to thank all members of the Stoneham Fire Department and their families for their dedication and commitment they displayed throughout the year. I am proud to be the Fire Chief with the unselfish personnel at the Stoneham Fire department.

STATISTICS

Suppression:

Fires	68
Medical Aids	1662
Vehicle Accidents	309
Investigations	259
Elevator Emergencies	29
Power Lines Down	134
Lockouts	32
Service Calls	69
Water problems	13
Animal Problems	5
Mutual Aid	59
Alarm Activations	310
Total	2949

Prevention:

Smoke Detector Permits	218
Oil Burner Permits	48
Sprinkler Permits	12
Propane Permits	25
Fire Alarm Systems	18
Tank Removal/Replacement	51
Tank Truck Inspections	22
Flammable Fluid Storage	11
Cutting & Welding	19
Victualler Inspections	40
Liquor Inspections	21
School Inspections	12
Quarterly Inspections	56
Total	553

Chief
Joseph W. Rolli

Secretary
Ann Burnham

Fire Prevention
Captain James Marshall
Lieutenant Mike O'Sullivan

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Captain	**Captain**	**Captain**	**Captain**
Scott Webber	James McLaughlin Sr.	Frank Gould	Ed Regan
Lieutenant	**Lieutenant**	**Lieutenant**	**Lieutenant**
Mark Chabak	Al Minotti	Bob Dunphy	John Scullin
Firefighters	**Firefighters**	**Firefighters**	**Firefighters**
B. McNulty	B.McMahon	M. Grafton	J. Cryan
J. Galla	S. Greenleaf	M. Mayo	S. Verhault
P. Dockery	A. Riggillo	M. Rexrode	J. Petrillo
J. McLaughlin	C. Humber	D. Eastman	P. McItyre
S. Fitzgerald	M. Labriola	R. Darragh	E. Bernat
OPEN	D. Kelleher	OPEN	S. Connolly

STONEHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

ENGINE ONE:	2001 American LaFrance Eagle 1,250 gpm pump.
ENGINE FOUR:	1989 Emergency One 1,00 gpm pump
ENGINE FIVE:	1986 Pirsch 1,000 gpm pump.
LADDER ONE:	1995 Emergency One Quint, equipped with a 100 ft. heavy duty ladder and a 1,250 pump.
CAR TWO:	2005 Ford Explorer
CAR THREE:	2002 Ford Explorer
CAR FOUR:	2005 Ford F350 Crew Cab
CAR FIVE:	2001 Ford F450 with a Versa-lift bucket
RESCUE BOAT:	2000 15 foot Boston Whaler with a 40hp Mercury outboard

METRO FIRE
RUNNING CARD
STONEHAM

Alarm	Engine	Engine	Engine	Ladder	Station	Station
1st	STO E1			STO L1	STO E4	STO E5

2ND	WAK	REA			WIN	MEL
3RD	WIN	MEL		WOB	MAL	MED
4TH	MAL	MED			N. REA	LYNFLD
5TH	SOM	BURL		MAL		
6TH	SAU	EVE		MED		
7TH	LEX	REV		SOM		
8TH	ARL	LYNN		LYNN		
9TH	CAMB	CHEL		CAMB		
10TH	WANT	BEL		EVE		

FIREFIGHTERS PRAYER

When I am called to duty, God, whenever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save some life, whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child before it is too late,
Or save an older person form the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,
To guard my every neighbor and protect his property.
And if, according to my fate, I am to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.

STONEHAM FIRE ALARM BOXES

Box #	Location
14	38 Montvale Ave.
141	41 Montvale Ave.
151-154	St. Patrick Church
161-1613	39 Pleasant St. Crossing
17	Redstone Shopping Plaza North Side
171	Marshall's Dept. Store
172	Redstone Shopping Plaza @ Baha Fresh
1721	Ames Dept. Store
1724	CVS
173	Shaws Supermarket
175	Rear of Redstone North Side
1939	Town Hall 35 Central Street
211	Franklin St. Near Emerald Court
2113	High School 149 Franklin Street
2116	135 Franklin Street – Brookmeadow Condos
2117	137 Franklin Street – Brookmeadow Condos
2118	133 Franklin Street – Brookmeadow Condos
2119	131 Franklin Street – Brookmeadow Condos
212	Franklin St. at Plaza Avenue
2121	Walsh Ave at Lake Street
2123	157 Franklin Street – Villa Grande (front)
2124	159 Franklin Street – Villa Grande (rear)
213	Perkins Street at North Avenue

2131	Kindercare – Franklin Street
214	Franklin at Isabella
2141	Isabella at Ferdinand Street
215	Avalon and Hampton Road
2151-2156	Avalon Road – Colonial Park School
216	Perkins Street at Newcomb Road
217	Whip Hill Estate
221	Rustic and Sunset
223	Rustic and Fieldstone
225	Fieldstone and Citation
226	Citation at 18
23	25 Central Street (Central Fire Station)
24	Green Street opposite # 135
241	Green Street at # 237
242	Green Street at Crescent
243	Longbow and Fairlane
244	Barbara Road
245	Valdora and Barbara
25	Pleasant Street near Spring
251	Gould Street at Highland Avenue
252	Summer and Pleasant Streets
26	Spring Street opposite Stevens Street
261	Bow Street Court at Brookbridge Road
262	Patriot Road at #10
27	Franklin and Summer Streets
271	Summer and Summerhill Streets
28	Spring and Beacon Streets
281	Spring and East Streets-Line Box W/Wakefield
2811	East School 12 Beacon Street
2812	Eastern Avenue and Michael Circle
2813	Crystal Drive at #12
282	Spring Street at Lotus Avenue-Line box W/Wakefield
283	Cricklewood and Tamarock Terrace
284	Pebble Place and Rivers Lane
285	Landers and Spring Lane
286	Hall Road at #20
287	Applehill Lane at #6
31	Hancock and Dean Streets
311	West Hancock and Atwood Avenue
32	Maple and Chestnut Streets
321	Maple and Cedar Avenue
3211	39 Chestnut Street
3212	Glenside Apts 5 Glen Road
33	Maple and Manison Streets
3313	5 Manison Street
3315	12 Manison Street
3316	21-A Manison Street
3321	90 Maple Street
3322	89 Maple Street Clear channel
3323	85 Maple Street

3331	100 Maple Street Bldg A
3332	100 Maple Street Bldg B
34	Marble and Park Streets
341	Marble opposite Fallon Drive
3411	Chesterton Corp. Fallon Drive
3412	101,102,103 Hillside Gardens
3413	104,105,106 Hillside Gardens
3414	107,108,109 Hillside Gardens
3415	110,111 Hillside Gardens
3416	112,113 Hillside Gardens
3417	114,115,116 Hillside Gardens
3418	Clubhouse at Hillside Gardens
3419	117 Hillside Gardens the Cliffside Apts.
342	Hill Street
3422	146 Marble St. Gates Condos right bldg.
3423	148 Marble St. Gates Condos rear bldg.
3424	144 Marble St. Gates Condos left bldg.
3426	Hill Side Gardens
3427	Street Box at Pool Hillside Gardens
3431-3436	12 Hillside Gardens the Terraces
35	Warren Street at Winthrop Square
351	Winthrop and Congress Streets
352	Marble and Lincoln Streets
3521	12 Benton Street Condos
36	Main and Marble Streets
361	Main Street and Peabody Road
3612	Greystone Apts, 555 Main Street
362	Main Street and Wilson Road
3621	Route 93 at the Route 28 Bridge
3622	597 Main Street Stonegate Condos
363	Greystone and Summit Road
37	Woodland Road and Pond Street
371	BRMC Grounds North Entrance
3711	BRMC Ruble Wing
3712	Greater Boston Academy
3713	Main Entrance BRMC Bldg
3714	Medical Arts Building
3715	Physicians office building
3716	Administration Bldg.
3717	Life Care Centre -25 Woodland Road
372	Phillips Road at Fellsway East Line Bx/Mel
373	Park Terr. Apts. W. Wyoming Ave Line Bx/Mel
3741	Fellsview Terr and Fellsway East
38	Summer and Pond Streets
381	Pond Street and Gorham Avenue
3811	Edgewood School Pond Street
382	Pond Street and Campbell Road
3821	MDC Garage Rear Building
383	Pond Street opposite Zoo Offices
386	Skywood Drive at # 10

41	Lindenwood Road and West Street
411	Butler and Joan Avenue
4211	71 Montvale Ave Foxcroft Apts
4212	100 Ledgewood South Building
4213	200 Ledgewood North Building
4215	100 Mountain View Drive first on right
4216	200 Mountain View Drive middle building
4217	300 Mountain View Drive left building
4218	Stoneham Oaks Pro Shop rear of Arena
42181-42186	Stoneham Arena Montvale Avenue
4219	92 Montvale Avenue
4221	91 Montvale Executive Office Park
4223	48 Montvale Avenue
42241-42246	80 Montvale Avenue Stoneham Bank
4225	88 Montvale Avenue
42261-42265	54 Montvale Ave Montvale Plaza
4321-4326	95 Montvale Ave Storage USA
43	Forest Street Opposite Dewitt Road
431	Berkley Street and Drury Lane
44	1 Montvale Ave Main and Montvale Avenue
441	Main and Lindenwood Streets
4411	271 Main Street Rose Tree Plaza
4412-4415	299 Main Street Main and Montvale
442	Flint Ave and Rowe Street
45	Main and Elm Streets
451	Oak Street at #40
4511	Albion Ave and Kays Road
4512	Walgreen's Main and Elm Streets
4513	185 Main Street Stoneham Ford Co.
4514	163 Main Street Eastern Bank
4516	159 Main Street Monterosa Building A
4517	159 Main Street Monterosa Building B
4518	159 Main Street Monterosa Building C
4519	150 Main Street Bear Hill Apartments
452	Oak Street at Weld Road
4521-4526	Robin Hood School Magnolia Terrace
453	Bonad Road and Myopia
454	Governor Road and Myopia
455	Rodgers Road and Spruce Street
456	Alden Ave at # 17
46	William Street opposite West Street
461	William Street opposite # 391
462	William Street and Dewitt
4621	Cedar Street/Woburn line
4622	490 William Street Arnold House
4623	BJ's Wholesale Club Cedar Street
4624	Unicorn Pro Shop William Street
4625	IRA Auto Dealershop Cedar Street
47	Main Street near Broadway both sides of street
471	Main and George Sts. Both sides of street

4711	64,66,68 Main Street-Buckingham Terr.
4713	52 Main Street Apartment Building
4715	88 Main Street Stoneham Savings Bank
472	North Street near Bear Hill Golf Course
4721	100 and 200 Leisure Lane
4722	Bear Hill Golf Club North Street
4723	2 Main Street
4724	Seville Condo 40 Main St. North Building
4725	Seville Condo 44 Main St. South Building
4731	Stonehill Towers Building #1
4733	Stonehill Towers Building #3
4735	Stonehill Towers Building #5
4737	Stonehill Towers Building #7
48	North Street and Northgate
481	Forest and Oak Streets
4811	Forest Street at #49
482	North and Crosby Streets
483	Aspen Road
49	Curve Road and Moulton Avenue
491	Evergreen and Wildwood Roads
492	Erickson and Arlene Avenue
493	Hanford and Rose Lane
494	Wagner and Elaine
495	Constitution at #12
51	Elm and Waverly Streets
511	High Street opposite #32
5111	41 Elm Street
5112	41 Elm Street rear building
512	High Street and Broadway
5121	Towncrest at #28 Line box W/Wakefield
513	High Street and Bear Hill Road
514	MacArthur Road and Hillside Avenue
515	Marshall Road and Lawndale
516	Lawndale Road at # 12
517	Park Avenue at Wakefield Line Line Box
52	Elm and Washington Streets
521	Seward and Chase
522	Keene and Cowdrey Streets
53	Pomeworth and William Streets
531	Washington Street opposite Washington Avenue
5311	Calthea Street at #45
5312	22-26 Pomeworth Street Pomeworth Corner
5313	10 Pomeworth Street Pomeworth Place Condos

ANNUAL BOARD OF HEALTH
HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT 2008
MISSON STATEMENT

The mission of the Board of Health is to educate, promote, improve and protect the public health and well being of the citizens of Stoneham, while contributing to building a healthy community and environment in which to live. Under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Law and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Federal Public Health Law's, the Board of Health is mandated under a dutiful obligation to develop and implement health policies, standards, bylaws and regulations. The Board of Health is also obligated to conduct inspections and provide public health services to the community.

Legal Authority and Procedures of the Board of Health

- **Under Massachusetts General Law - M.G.L. c.41 & 1 & M.G.L. c.43** as well as the **"Home Rule Amendment"** permits municipalities to adopt home rule charters governing their form of government and permit Towns people to elect the Board of Health. The Board of Health is usually comprised of a 3 member sitting board for 3 years staggered term.
- **Under Massachusetts General Law – M.G.L. c.111 &27** Provides in general for the governance of Board of Health's
- Historically, legislation and regulation at the Federal, State and local level have been tools for translating knowledge of causes of disease ill-health into programs for the protection of public health.
- Local Public Health departments and agencies derive their authority primarily through explicit and specified delegation of power from state legislature.
- **Under Massachusetts General Law - M.G.L. c.111 & 31** is an unusually broad grant of authority which empowers Boards of Health to adopt "Reasonable Health Regulation" to protect the public health of the people.
- Boards of Health may determine that regulations are necessary to control the causes or to outline methods of dealing with a public health problem.
- The Board of Health can require a permit, set a fee, or set out substantive performance standards as part of a regulation.
- Permits and fees may be authorized by a state statute or regulation.
- **Under Massachusetts General Law –M.G.L. c.111 & 127A**, local Board of Health's have the power and responsibility to enforce regulations made under the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code.
- **Under Massachusetts General Law –M.G.L. c.111 & 30** Boards of Health, whenever an emergency exists in which the interest of protecting public health may without notice or hearing, issue an order reciting the existence of the emergency and requiring that such action be taken as the Board of Health deems necessary to meet the emergency.
- **Under Massachusetts General Law –M.G.L. c.111 & 187** specifically authorizes Boards of Health to apply to the Supreme Judicial Court or Superior Court for enforcement of its orders relative to public health.
- United States Federal Agencies - U.S Department of Homeland Security, & Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) along with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Agencies - the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPPS), Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) now recognizes local public health departments as public safety and emergency preparedness first responders

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS:

In accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Law-**M.G.L. Chapter 41**, the Board of Health is comprised of three (3) elected officials; these positions are three-year terms with one member being elected annually. The members consist of:

Mr. Daniel T. Doherty: Mr. Doherty currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Health. Mr. Doherty brings an extensive background in consulting for regulatory compliance, operations management and emergency preparedness with the FAA, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, NASA and Homeland Security. Mr. Doherty also brings extensive knowledge and experience in fiscal reform. Mr. Doherty is recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and (FEMA) The Federal Emergency Management

Association in (NIMS) National Incident Management System & (ICS) Incident Command System Training. Mr. Doherty is also recognized and Certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health-MDPH in Food Sanitation and Food Safety.

Mr. John J. Scullin: Mr. Scullin currently serves as Vice Chairman and is the senior member of the Stoneham Board of Health. Mr. Scullin also serves as a Lieutenant on the Town of Stoneham Fire Department. Mr. Scullin is recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and (FEMA) The Federal Emergency Management Association in (NIMS) National Incident Management System & (ICS) Incident Command System Training. Mr. Scullin is also certified with the Town of Stoneham Fire Department and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in HAZMAT training and Emergency Medical Training – (EMT) Training.

Dr. Christine Carino: Elected to the Board of Health in April of 2008, the Board's newest member Dr.Carino is duly certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Professional Licensure as a Doctor in Pharmacy. Dr. Carino is recognized by the Department of Homeland Security and (FEMA) The Federal Emergency Management Association in (NIMS) National Incident Management System & (ICS) Incident Command System Training. Dr. Carino is also recognized and Certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health-MDPH in Food Sanitation and Food Safety.

The Board of Health holds annual meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Additional meetings are scheduled if required.

Support staff includes:

Robert F. Bracey, CHO	Public Health Agent/Certified Health Officer/Animal Inspector
Margaret Drummey, RN	Public Health Nurse
Denise F. Breen	Administrative Assistant
Karyn C. Incatasciato	Administrative Assistant

Public Health Agent/Certified Health Officer/Animal Inspector:

Mr. Robert F. Bracey: Mr. Bracey has been the Public Health Agent for the Stoneham Board of Health since 2003. In 2008, Mr. Bracey successfully passed and was duly certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Professional Licensure as a Certified Health Officer with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mr. Bracey also received national recognition after he successfully passed and was licensed as a (H.H.S) Health Homes Specialist through (NEHA) the National Environmental Health Association and the Boston University School of Public Health. Mr. Bracey is also licensed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Title V Soil Evaluator and Title V on Site Wastewater Disposal System Inspector. Mr. Bracey also serves as the Town of Stoneham Animal Inspector.

Public Health Nurse:

Margaret E. Drummey RN, BSN has been the Public Health Nurse since July, 2003. In the nursing field for 28 years, her role and responsibilities as the Public Health Nurse (PHN) are comprehensive involving every individual in the community from infants to seniors, in addition to the responsibilities mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The PHN is certified with the American Heart Association for the BLS for Healthcare Providers (CPR &AED) program. She is also recognized by the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) in National Incident Management System (NIMS) and (ICS) Incident Command System training.

Board of Health Support Staff:

The Office support staff includes Mrs. Karyn Incatasciato and Mrs. Denise Breen. The office support staff is an extremely vital and important position. This position maintains the Board of Health databases and prepares all Board of Health permits, licenses, and accounts payable/receivable for Board of Health approval. It provides a variety of complex clerical and administrative duties in a confidential manner in accordance with Massachusetts General Law. In addition, this position transcribes the minutes of the Board's monthly meetings, and composes correspondence as directed. The office support staff is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Massachusetts General Law to attend yearly MassPro and NHIC training seminars for influenza and pneumonia. The office support staff continue to display the professionalism, courtesy and knowledge that is needed and expected to serve the residents of Stoneham.

Board of Health at a Glance:

Under the direction of and on behalf of the Board of Health, the Public Health Agent is responsible for maintaining the day-to-day operations of the department. The Public Health Agent serves as the only code

enforcement officer within the Town of Stoneham and keeps the Chairman of the Board of Health updated on a daily basis along with other Board members. The Public Health Agent works closely with the Town Administrator, Board of Selectman and other Town of Stoneham Department Heads within the town. The Public Health Agent enforces all local, state, and federal regulations pertaining to public health laws, safety, and the environment.

Required Duties Local Board of Health's in Massachusetts:

Local Board of Health in Massachusetts are required by State statues and regulations to perform many important and critical duties and functions relative to the protection of public health, the control of disease, the promotion of sanitary living condition, and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution. These mandated requirements reflect the legislatures' understanding that many critical health problems are best handled by the involvement of local community officials familiar with local conditions. The following is a list of mandated requirements and responsibilities of local Board of Health's in Massachusetts.

Town of Stoneham Board of Health Regulations:

Annual permit and inspect 1x every 6 months, upon request, complaint and illness.

- Chapter 3 Animals and Fowl.
- Chapter 6 Health and Sanitation.
- Chapter 20 Board of Health;
- Article I General: Adoption of Massachusetts State Sanitary Code.
- Article II Nuisances.
- Article III Animals and Fowl.
- Article IV Diseases Dangerous to Public Health.
- Article VI Dumpster Regulations.
- Article VII Sandblasting.
- Article VIII DNA Ordinances.
- Article IX Landfill Regulations.
- Article X Tobacco Control Regulations.
- Article XI Smoke Free Restaurants.
- Article XIII Body Art Regulations.
- Article XIII Housing Fitness Certificate

State Mandated Requirements & Inspections:

Annual permit and inspect 1x every 6 months, upon request, complaint and illness.

- 105 CMR 123.000 – MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR TANNING FACILITIES
- 105 CMR 300.000: REPORTABLE DISEASES, SURVEILLANCE AND ISOLATION & QUARANTINE
- 105 CMR 400.00: STATE SANITARY CODE CHAPTER I : GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE
- 105 CMR 410.000: MINIMUM STANDARDS OF FITNESS FOR HUMAN HABITATION
- 105 CMR 420.000 HOUSING AND SANITARY CONDITIONS
- 105 CMR 430.000: MINIMUM SANITATION AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR RECREATIONAL CAMPS FOR CHILDREN
- 105 CMR 435.000: MINIMUM SANITATION FOR SWIMMING POOLS
- 105 CMR 440.000 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR BATHING BEACHES
- 105 CMR 460.000 LEAD POISION AND CONTROL (LEAD PAINT CODE)
- 105 CMR 470.000 MAINTINENCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF LOCKUP FACILITIES
- 105 CMR 480.000 STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF INFECTIOUS OR PHYSICALLY DANGEROUS MEDICAL OR BIOLOGICAL WASTE
- 105 CMR 590.000, MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS
- 105 CMR 675.000 REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN AIR QUALITY IN INDOOR SKATING RINKS
- 310 CMR 7.00 – AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS
- 310 CMR 7.18 – AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING REGULATIONS
- 310 CMR 15.000: TITLE 5: ON-SITE SEWAGE TREATMENT ANDDISPOSAL SYSTEMS
- 330 CMR 10.00: PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF RABIES
- MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPED FAMILY TYPE CAMP GROUNDS

Mandated Enforcement of Massachusetts State Statues –Chapter 111 Public Health Laws:

Inspect upon request, complaint and illness.

- M.G.L. C. 111, Sec. 3 Public Health Council; Hearings, Intervention
- M.G.L. C. 111, Sec. 5 Powers and Duties of Department
- M.G.L.C. 111, Sec. 6 Power to Define Diseases Deemed Dangerous To Public Health; Control and Prevention
- M.G.L.C. 111, Sec. 7 Investigation of Contagious Or Infectious Diseases; Notice
- M.G.L. C. 111, Sec.26-32 City and Town Boards Of Health
- M.G.L. C. 111, Sec. 95-104 Dangerous Diseases
- M.G.L.C. 111, Sec. 109 Notice of Householder That Person In Family or House Is Infected With Dangerous Disease
- M.G.L.C. 111, Sec. 110 Report of Diseases Of The Eyes Of Infants
- M.G.L.C. 111, Sec. 111 Notice to Board Of Health That Persons Infected with Dangerous Diseases.
- M.G.L.C. 111, Sec. 112 Notice by Local Board To Department
- M.G.L. C. 111, Sec. 122-142N Nuisances
- M.G.L. C. 111, Sec. 143-154 Noisome Trades
- M.G.L. C. 111, Sec. 189A-199B Lead Paint.
- M.G.L. C. 111, Sec. 208 Tanning Booth Licenses.

Mandated Enforcement of other Massachusetts General Laws & Statues:

Annual review and approval of site plan permit and inspect upon request, complaint and illness.

- M.G.L. C.41 & 81U SUBDIVISION CONTROL ACT –BOARD OF HEALTH AUTHORITY.
- M.G.L. CHAPTER 85 OF THE ACTS OF 2000, AN ACT PROTECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM HARMFUL PESTICIDES.
- M.G.L. CHAPTER 252 MOSQUITO CONTROL.
- M.G.L. CHAPTER 270 SECTION 22 MASSACHUSETTS WORKPLACE SMOKE FREE LAW.

Federal Mandated Requirements & Inspections:

Annual review and revising of emergency plans. Annual meetings and educational training seminars to attend.

U.S/ Department of Homeland Security and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) - Emergency Preparedness & Readiness:

- Emergency Preparedness, Planning and Training
- Continuously developing, updating and implementing mandated public health emergency preparedness plans:
  - Town of Stoneham Cem Plan
  - Regional Plan
  - Isolation and Quarantine Plan
  - EDS-Emergency Dispensing Site Plan & Flow Plan
  - Special Populations Plan
  - Sheltering Plan
  - Risk Communication Plan
  - HSUS –Disaster Planning for Animals
  - Continuity of Operations Plan
  - Continuity of Government Plan
  - Memorandum of Understanding Plan
  - TAR Report Plan
  - Medical Reserve Corp Plan - MRC
- Continuously attending mandated Federal and State Public Health emergency preparedness training seminars and exercises for Stoneham TAR Report
  - Pandemic Influenza Planning and preparedness training
  - Public Health Response to Chemical, Biological and
  - Nuclear/Radiological Emergencies

- Infectious Disease Surveillance, Reporting and Control.
- Legal Nuts and Bolts of Isolation and Quarantine
- Personal Protective Equipment: Protecting yourself and your community from Infectious Disease.
- Medical Reserve Corps - MRC

- Attending mandated National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) certification trainings.
- Attending monthly regional coalition meetings.
- Mandated Federal and State deliverables.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Department of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – The 1999 FEDERAL FOOD CODE:

Annual permit and inspect 1x every 6 months, upon request, complaint and illness.

- Inspect all food establishments permitted and licensed within the Town of Stoneham every 6 months.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: The Virginia Graham Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act:

Annual permit and inspect 1x every 6 months, upon request, complaint and illness.

- Inspect all public and semi public swimming pools yearly for compliance with the new Federal law every 6 months.

Board of Health Other Mandated Requirements, Services & Inspections:

Annual permit and inspect upon request, complaint and illness.

- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Immunizations and Vaccine Distribution
- Communicable Disease Reporting and Control
- Inspection of Public Area's
- Animal and Insect Control
- Nuisances and Noisome Trades
- Air Quality and Noise Control
- Water Purity and Quality
- Fluoridation and Oral Health
- School Health
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Maternal and Child Health
- Refugee and Immigrant Health
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse Services
- Radiation Control
- Unintended Injury Prevention
- Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention
- Intentional Injury and Violence Prevention
- Tobacco control
- Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management
- Clinical Activities
- Health Statistics
- Environmental Health Impact Assessment
- Beaver and Muskrat

Board of Health Complaints in FY08 - 75 to 100
Board of Health Inspections in FY 08 - 1,050

Board of Health Other Mandated Nursing Requirements, Services & Inspections:

- Health Care consultant for private schools
- Provide home care visits to the elderly to assess and provide public health services as needed
- Work in collaboration with public school nurses under the auspices of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education and Department of Public Health - MPDH
- Work in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- Work in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of elder services
- Work in collaboration with the Mystic Valley Elder Serviced
- Refer patients to Mystic Valley Elder Services
- Work with the Town of Stoneham Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club
- Diabetic Teaching
- Mantoux Testing (Tuberculosis)

Board of Health Highlights and Accomplishments:

Emergency Preparedness:

- Mystic Valley Coalition Region 3E Emergency Command Center (EOC)
  The Mystic Valley Coalition Emergency Preparedness Coalition Region 3E was recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Department of Public Health-MDPH to have constructed through grant funding the first EOC – Emergency Command Center geared toward local public Boards of Health for coordinating interagency planning and response to hazardous material/terrorism incidents
- Mystic Valley Coalition Region 3E Training Facility. The Mystic Valley Coalition developed and constructed the Commonwealth of Massachusetts first training facility geared toward regional local public health departments for the focus on emergency planning and response.
- Redeveloped and revised FY07 Emergency Preparedness Policies and Plans for the Stoneham Board of Health. Worked with town departments, school department and local hospitals to develop and implement the following board of health emergency preparedness plans for the Town of Stoneham: Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS), Continuity of Operations Plan (Coop), All Incident Response, Infectious Disease Response, Chemical/Radiological Response, Risk communications, Isolation and Quarantine, Sheltering, ISCU site plan, Special Population plan, Disaster planning manual for animals.
- Coordinated recruitment activities for the Mystic Valley Coalition Region 3E Medical Reserve Corps.
- Regional Memorandum of Understanding Policy. Developed and Implemented a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for local public health services in Massachusetts which consist of 5 local public health communities.
- Worked closely with public safety departments; Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEP), Fire and Police departments on the Town of Stoneham Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEM Plan) and emergency planning and response coordination and objectives.
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) Training. All Board of Health members, public health nurses and staff were trained in National Incident Management System & Incident Command System.
- Community awareness – Family Emergency Preparedness Brochure. Created a family emergency preparedness brochure that was mailed out to all Stoneham residents and distributed to residents at Stoneham Town Day Election day and Influenza clinics.

Environmental Health

- Worked with Healthy Communities to develop and implement an **All Tobacco I.D.** pilot program to reduce the tobacco sale to minors. Requires all permit holders of tobacco licenses who are found to be in continuous non compliance of the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code to I.D. all customers who seek to purchase tobacco products.
- Amended the Board of Health Tobacco regulations creating a stricter enforcement policy and penalties for repeat offenders who sale tobacco products to minors.

- Developed and implemented ***Hazardous Oil, Restaurant Grease Storage Regulation***. All hazardous oils, fats, and grease from food establishments, service stations and contractors in the Town of Stoneham are required to properly store and maintain all oils, fats and grease material in a clean and sanitary manner at all times of the day.
- Worked with Covino Enterprises to provide a free mercury thermometer swap clinic for the elderly seniors of Stoneham.
- Amended state statue to require all body art and message therapy technicians to submit to yearly tuberculosis skin test.
- Compiled new Title V on Site Wastewater Disposal System for compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts department of Environmental Protection Agency Regulations to protect the environmentally sensitive areas of the Town of Stoneham and its natural resources.
- Developed and implemented ***Housing Fitness Certificate Regulations***. Regulations were created to help reduce certain communicable disease (asthma) infestation of insects, bugs, rodents and to help alleviate substandard living conditions in housing rental dwelling units in Stoneham.
- Developed and implemented ***Outside Consultant Regulations***. The Stoneham Board of Health shall at its discretion bring in outside consultants to resolve public health related issues.
- Developed and implemented ***Permanent and Cosmetic Body Art Regulations***. Worked with local hospitals and community support groups to form new regulations for medical purposes to help assist permanently disfigured burn and/or cancer patients.
- Amended state statue to require all body art and message therapy technicians to submit to yearly tuberculosis skin test.
- Amended state statue to require CORI/SORI background check on all Body Art and massage establishments' technicians who submit application for permit to operate within the Town of Stoneham.
- Amend state statue to require all new residential and commercial dumpster enclosures to become environmentally friendly.
- Created dumpster compliance task force. The Board of Health conducts various inspections of residential and commercial dumpsters for compliance with the State Sanitary Code.
- Created Waste Hauler Early Pickup Task force. The Board of Health conducts various early morning inspections to enforce Massachusetts state sanitary code as it pertains to early morning pickups by waste haulers.

Food Protection Program:

- Developed and implemented the *Food Manager, Direct Food Handler Certification Pilot Program.* Requires all food service establishments found to be in continual non-compliance of the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code to have all food managers and direct food handlers certified in food safety and sanitation by showing proficiency of required information through passing a test of an accredited program recognized by the Board of Health Department.
- Created food service establishment compliance task force. Board of Health conducts various unannounced inspections to ensure compliance with the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code.
- Developed and implemented *Food Safety Email Alert System* for all food establishments and schools. The email alert system alerts all food establishments and schools when a State and Federal food recall is issued.
- Review and approved 7 new food retail, service establishments in FY08.
- Created restaurant dumpster task force. The Board of Health conducts various inspections of dumpster for compliance with the Massachusetts State sanitary Code.

School Health:

- The Board of Health is initiating a role as a member on the Stoneham Public School Departments "Health Advisory Committee" To provide guidance and professional public health assistance to school public health nurses.
- Developed and implemented a new policy in conjunction with the Superintendent of Schools to provide a more comprehensive, deterrent school student smoking policy equivalent to the Massachusetts Smoke Free workplace law.
- Conducted in service hand washing clinics to Stoneham Public Schools. Provided informational handouts regarding proper, adequate hand washing techniques and Glow-Germ Kits.
- Worked with school nurses in a collaboration effort to keep Stoneham Healthy – Drafted "No Nit - Head Lice" Policy to Stoneham parents.

Public Health Nursing:

- Vaccinated an estimated 2,000 people at free flu clinics held at the newly constructed Board of Health complex.
- Provided weekly walk in influenza/pneumonia clinics for residents of Stoneham and the general public.
- Received over $11,000 in grant funding and private donations to develop and implemented the Board of Health's first Shingles vaccine program.
- Conducted Hepatitis A clinic in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and Melrose, Malden, Medford and Wakefield Health Departments.
- Provide Hepatitis B clinics for Stoneham food service establishments and their employees.
- Provided Hepatitis A Clinic to municipal employees – First responders of Stoneham
- Provided yearly tuberculosis clinic at Board of Health Department.
- Worked with the American Cancer Society to raise awareness for early cancer screening.
- Provided new yearly influenza clinic specific for Stoneham public safety first responders. (Police and Fire Department)
- Provides free blood pressure clinics for the elderly population of Stoneham.
- Provides free home bound visits for at risk elders of Stoneham.
- Conducts weekly home bound visits to administer free various medical screenings to Stoneham Seniors.
- Provided internship program's for Salem State College nursing students.
- Provided internship program's for Emanuel College nursing students.
- Provides internship program for Regis College nursing Students.

Grant Writing:

- Received $20,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health Department (MDPH) & Federal Department of Homeland Security to construct an Emergency Preparedness Center for local public health.
- Received $3,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health Department (MDPH) & Federal Department of Homeland Security to upgrade computer inspectional software system and telecommunication equipment.
- Received $2,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health Department (MDPH) & Federal Department of Homeland Security to provide new computers for the board of health department and public nursing department.
- Received over $11,000 in grant funding and private donations to develop and implemented the Board of Health's first Shingles vaccine program.
- Applied for $10,000 Health Communities grant for the Town of Stoneham
- Applied for $250,000 to $1,000,000 Federal Emergency Management Association-(FEMA) Grant for the construction/renovation of an Emergency Command Center

Animal Health:

- Conducted the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Bureau of Animal Health Barn inspections and investigations to ensure the Town of Stoneham's compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Law.

Major Capital Projects:

- Executed the Construction of new Board of Health offices. Relocating Board of health department from a 1 room 400 Sq. feet office for a staff of 5 to a 5 room 1,200 Sq Foot office facility. The new Board of Health facility will include a nurse's office with an examination room, Public Health Agents office with a Board of Health conference room, Office space for Board of Health executive secretaries, file and storage room and a new emergency command center and training facility.
- Executed the construction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts first ever Emergency Operations Center for local Public Health's – The Mystic Valley Coalition Region 3E
- Construction of a State of the Art training facility for local public health departments of the Mystic Valley Coalition.

Other Activities

- Provided new board of health permits and license software.
- Provided new computers for administrative staff through grant funding
- Provide new computers to nursing staff through grant funding.
- Stoneham Town Day provided public health information on MRSA in schools, teen peer pressure and smoking, emergency planning, drug, alcohol abuse and treatment options and healthy nutritional eating habits.
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Goals for 2009:

- Strengthen the Town of Stoneham's Emergency Preparedness regarding health emergencies by increasing the volunteerism base for the Stoneham Board of Health/ Mystic Valley Coalition Medical Reserve corps in 2009.
- Increase Stoneham resident's awareness on public health issues and concerns through the new Stoneham Board of Health user friendly website.
- Distribute New Emergency Preparedness information for the residents of the Town of Stoneham through the new user friendly Board of Health web site.
- Compile new Title V on Site Wastewater Disposal System to ensure compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency Regulations to protect environmental sensitive area's in the Town of Stoneham and its natural resources.
- To continue open communications with Stoneham business community and public schools to provide timely, sensitive information of State and federal food recalls from the new Board of Health Food *Safety Email Alert System.*
- Work with the Stoneham Public Schools to help institute and appoint a Board of Health member to the Public Schools *"Health Advisory Committee."*
- Increase the presence and involvement of the Board of Health in the community utilizing the media and on-site education.
- Increase community programming and public health services to the residents of Stoneham through public health grants.
- Continue to be proactive in helping new establishments, businesses community and property owners within our community.
- Maintain a high standard of safety by promoting the philosophy the Board of Health mission statement.
- To be able to provide Zostavax (Shingle vaccine) to interested residents. A limited amount of funds were acquired from generous donations from Stoneham businesses, funds were also provided from the Stockwell Fund.
- To reinstate the Town of Stoneham Rabies Clinic for Stoneham resident's dogs and cats.

Stoneham Historical Commission 2008 Annual Report

The Stoneham Historical Commission is a seven member board mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years. Its main objective is to help identify and preserve those buildings and/or areas that are historically and architecturally significant to our Town. The current members are Chairman Stephen E. Rotondi, Vice-Chairman Christopher Willard, Treasurer Joanne DiMambro, Secretary Marcia Wengen, Joan Quigley, and Margaret Warren. In December 2007, David Armato resigned leaving a vacancy on the Commission which still has not been filled.

Our thirty-first year in existence was a busy one. The Commission continued working on its web site www.stonehamhistoricalcommission.us and is attempting to integrate it with the town's website. Work is still slowly progressing on the Commission's project to do a video on the burial sites of prominent Stonehamites. The Commission started a Historic Home Marker program. Any residents whose home is 50 years or older can submit an application along with a check for $55.00 to cover the cost of the marker. Members of the Commission will verify the age. Once this is done, the check will be forwarded to Gamit Signs in Stoneham to manufacture the marker. The finished marker will be delivered to the home owner to install on their home.

The Commission has been working with town officials on the needed repairs to the fire department. The trim has been repainted, doors replaced and flooring repaired. Funding was from state grants the town became eligible for after last year's Annual Town Meeting voted to grant a preservation restriction on the building to the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

In May 2008, the Commission awarded its annual Heritage Award to Zachary Kline. As his Eagle Scout project, this Stoneham High School Junior did a complete inventory of the Old Burying Ground. He recruited, organized and supervised numerous volunteers to photograph each headstone and or footstone, transcribe all names, dates and epitaphs, and notate the condition of each one. All this information was then organized and entered into a database and saved on CDs. Copies of the CDs were given to the Public Library and the Stoneham Historical Society.

In celebration of Preservation Month, the Commission and the Historical Society held a joint meeting on May 8, 2008. Featured speaker was Jay Robbins, Jr. He is the great-great grandson of John Botume who built the Botume house on the banks of Spot Pond. The house now serves as a visitor's center for the DCR

In September, the Commission had its customary booth at Town Day. On display were a number of pictures plus an example of the historical marker available for qualifying home owners. The Commission also purchased a new tent to replace the one destroyed by wind at Town Day in 2007. In October the Commission voted to allow the placement of 2 cell phone antennae on top of the Dow Block. Final resolution of this is not yet complete as the Massachusetts Historical Commission has now put forward some objections.

In October, the Commission continued its program of donating books to the Public Library. The books are *Caring for Your Old House: A Guide for Owners and Residents (Respectful Rehabilitation Series)*, Judith L. Kitchen (Author), *American Architecture: An Illustrated Encyclopedia*, Cyril M. Harris (Author), *Identifying*

American Architecture: A Pictorial Guide to Styles and Terms: 1600-1945, John J. G. Blumenson (Author), *Repairing Old and Historic Windows: A Manual for Architects and Homeowners*, New York Landmarks Conservancy (Author), *Rest in Peace: A History of American Cemeteries (People's History)*, Meg Greene (Author), *Hands-On Archaeology: Real-Life Activities for Kids*, John R. White (Author).

On October 26, 2008, in conjunction with the Historical Society's Open House, the Commission opened the Old Burying Ground for self guided walking tours. Due to the overwhelming favorable response, the Commission hopes to make this a yearly event.

The Commission has been in contact with the people devising the Measured Mile Walking Tours. We are looking into the possibility of placing historical markers along the route.

Heritage Award 2008

Zachary Kline received the Historical Commission's Annual Heritage Award for his exceptional contributions to preservation and awareness of Stoneham's historical legacy. He recruited, organized and supervised numerous volunteers to inventory and photograph 352 headstones in the Old Burying Ground as his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. Picture from left to right are Joanne DiMambro, Joan Quigley, Stephen Rotondi, Zachary Kline, Marcia Wengen and Margaret Warren.

Old Burying Ground Open House

The Old Burying Ground Open House was held on a glorious Sunday afternoon just before Halloween. One of the more popular headstones was that of Jacob Gould. He was wounded during a robbery on the night of November 25, 1819 and died the next morning. Several men were arrested, but none were convicted. A man named Daniels hung himself in his jail cell before the trial; thus Jacob Gould remains Stoneham's unsolved murder.

Centennial of AYP Transcontinental Auto Race
New York City to Seattle
June 1909

For three years (1905-1908), the Shawmut Motor Company occupied a factory on Pine Street where the Clara Steele Playground is located today. They produced models in 1906, 1907 and 1908 noted for their reliability, speed, power, as well as economy and ease of operation. Their 1908 Runabout sold for $4,750.

The Shawmut pictured above survived a devastating fire in 1908 and was entered the following summer in a transcontinental race from New York City to Seattle. The car is shown just before the start of the race with T. Arthur Pettengill, Stoneham's premier auto dealer, at the wheel. Beside him is Earle Chapin of Reading, who owned Chapin's Garage on the site of what is now Blockbuster Video. Seated in the rear is Superintendent F. A. Meier of the Shawmut Motor Company.

The race started at 3 p.m. on June 1 when President Taft pressed a gold telegraph key in Washington formally opening the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle and, at the same time, signaling Mayor George B. McClellan to fire the starting pistol. An Acme, an Itala, a Stearns, two Model T Fords and the Shawmut headed by Broadway for Poughkeepsie. The first week had daily destinations and check-ins due to speeding regulations here in the East. When the cars left St. Louis on Monday, June 7, the race really began.

The Shawmut traveled over 4,000 miles form New York City to Seattle between June 1 and 24, going through irrigations ditches and streams when there were no bridges. They even used a railroad trestle! Rain and hail beat down, and the road was often mired in mud. Fourteen tires and 42 tubes were needed to keep the car going. Despite all efforts, the Shawmut crew reached Seattle 17 hours after Ford #2. Driver T. Arthur Pettengill wrote to his wife "finished second will write more about it later glad it is over."

Victory rightfully belonged to the Shawmut because Ford #2 had violated rules by replacing the engine. Henry Ford never acknowledged the protest or subsequent disqualification. He blitzed the country with advertising about the Model T's win. The Ford #2 was driven down the West Coast and back to New York City in a big victory tour.

In November, the Automobile Club of America, the official sponsor of the race, awarded the trophy to Horace G. Waite, President of Shawmut Motor Company. *The Stoneham Independent* quotes him as saying that the 4 1/2 foot Guggenheim Trophy was his proudest possession. Sadly, both the Shawmut and the trophy have vanished. Could they have been melted down for WWI bullets and bombs?

~Picture and portions of the text taken from *Images of America Stoneham* by Joanne B. Harriman. Submitted by Marcia M. Wengen

Stoneham Historical Society
36 William Street
Stoneham, MA. 02180

Now in its 86th year, the **Stoneham Historical Society** operates as an all-volunteer 501C 3 non-profit organization. The building is located at 36 William Street, formerly utilized as the Spanish-American Veterans meeting house. This venerable old building serves a multiple of uses for the Society.
Its primary use is a museum, where numerous artifacts and documents of historical significance to the town of Stoneham are on display or carefully preserved. Meetings for members and guests are held on the second Thursday of October, November, March, April and May. Guest speakers or topics of historical interest are the focus. During the month of May, our third graders and chaperones make a field trip to the Society as a part of their curriculum program on the history of Stoneham.

During the past year the Society opened its doors for the following events:

February - On the first Saturday the Society sponsored the popular "Research Your Home Day" where guests can delve into the past history of their home through street lists, valuation records and various maps of the town. Society volunteers assisted those who wanted to find out more about there home. A few surprises were evident.

March- Guest speaker and former local resident, Glen Currie, took everyone on a journey back into the 1950's as a boy growing up in Stoneham. His book, " A Boy's First Diary" written from the prospective of a ten year old boy in a humorous and insightful way. Everyone enjoyed traveling back in time with Mr. Currie.

April -Two of the Society's beloved members, Mary and Don Marchant, presented a nostalgic slide show of Stoneham postcards from 1906-1910 . The topic entitled "Yesterdays E-Mails" took us back in time when hand-written messages were one of the most popular ways to communicate. Good conversation followed as many guests shared their own memories of days gone by.

May - Preservation month was celebrated with the combined forces of the Historical Commission and the Historical Society at a joint meeting. Guest speaker, Jay A. Robbins Jr., the great, great grandson of John Botume shared with everyone photos and stories of the family who lived at the now famous and historical Botume House at Spot Pond.
The Museum was a bundle of energy during this month as teachers and third grade students from all the elementary schools, journeyed by foot to see the many exhibits and artifacts talked about in the classroom. The dedicated volunteers from the Society brought to the students an understanding of what it was like to live in Stoneham back in the early years. It was a rewarding experience for all.

October- Another busy month for the Historical Society, with guest speaker and author Richard N. Griffin discussing his book " Three Years A Soldier". The book centered around soldier Private George Perkins of Woburn and his experiences during the Civil War through an edited diary. Private Perkins is now buried at Lindenwood Cemetery. Later in the month, on a beautiful autumn afternoon, the doors and gates were opened for all to enjoy and discover the Historical Society artifacts and the "Old Burying Ground"

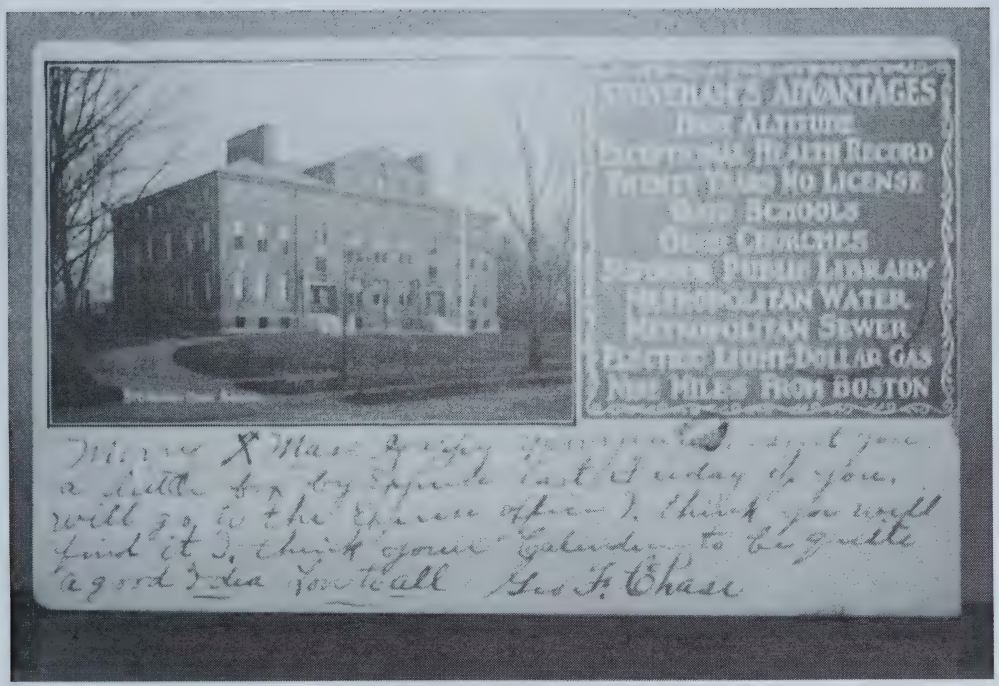
on Pleasant Street. An exhibit on "Maps of Stoneham" was at the Hall. The Burying Ground is the final resting place for some of Stoneham's influential and prominent early residents. It is listed as one of the sites on the National Historical Registry. This effort was a collaboration between the Society and the Commission volunteers.

November- The ever-popular Harvest Supper, now in its 71st year, was the kick-off event for this months guest speaker. Elsie Wallace, Chairperson of the Board, from the historic Fuller House on Franklin Street gave a very informative and interesting presentation of this stately home for senior living. Founded in 1898, the Fuller House still continues to deliver high-quality care and living accommodations for retired persons.

The Stoneham Historical Society welcomes all persons who share the love of history to join us for a monthly meeting, volunteer for the third grade program or better still become a member. Visit our website at www.freewebs.com/stonehamhistory

"Pride in Our Past; Faith in Our Future"
Submitted by Donna M. Weiss , President Stoneham Historical Society

Members Bob Van Tichelt, Al Binda, Don Marchant and Marilyn Worthen attending the 71st Harvest Supper in November.



An early postcard of the former Stoneham High School and description of the advantages of living in Stoneham.

Guest speaker, Elsie Wallace, discusses "Life at the Historic Fuller House."

Information Technology

There has been significant progress in the Information Technology department this past year. Three of the four main servers have been consolidated, rebuilt and relocated to a secure area in the Police Department. Future plans include further consolidation of the current servers to reduce the total cost of ownership.

During 2008, we were able to convert the last remaining Munis applications off our old server and fully integrate Treasury and Accounting offices. We expect to add functionality in 2009 by introducing the Personnel, General Billing and Permitting/Code Enforcement modules.

The GIS system has been brought back to a useful state and the new orthographic imagery has identified erroneous lot lines. We are expecting to totally revamp the parcel layer in 2009 with the expectation of moving the Assessor maps to a digital format.

Memorial Day Parade

The Parade Committee is grateful to the town officials, participants and spectators who turned out on Monday, May 26, 2008 to observe the annual Memorial Day services and parade procession. On a gorgeous, clear blue-sky day solemn services were performed at St. Patrick's and Lindenwood cemeteries. Both were met with reverence and honored remembrance. Don Tocci, a local resident and Navy Seal Veteran, conducted the official town hall services as Master of Ceremonies. Local resident, Barbara Morash's Music is Art Agency sang the US official Memorial Day song; "On this Day" and her colorful students sang "God Bless America. Agency student, Christine Hawes was the guest speaker with a moving speech about her brother, father and others who serve or have served our country. The Stoneham High School Band provided music for the singing of our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" while Parade Secretary Fred Kranefuss raised the town hall flag from its half-mast posting. First Baptist Church representative, Bob Fields provided the Benediction and Innovation services and blessings for the town. All in all, we could not have asked for a better day or a better crowd.

Stoneham Ford provided two Ford Convertibles for the Parade Marshall, John Hanright and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Selectmen Bob Sweeney and Frank Vallarelli marched and attended the ceremonies as well as Representative Natale and Senator Tisei.

The Parade Committee was extremely grateful to the many volunteers for their honorable service in decorating the gravesites with flags in remembrance of deceased veterans.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

The following eight members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of three years: Chairwoman, Maureen Houghton, Vice Chairman, Dennis Visconti, Secretary, Denise Healy, Chris Abreu, Therese DiBlasi, Stephen McDonough, James Sarno and Stephen Sylvester.

Full-time Recreation Department Heads are: Rick Arzillo, Golf Course & Municipal Parks/Grounds Superintendent, Christine DelRossi, Recreation Program Coordinator and Lou Chiulli, Arena Manager.

The Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee are committed to provide quality Recreation for the citizens of the Town of Stoneham. We wish to remind the citizens of the Town to visit the facilities and share in our pride.

Stoneham Recreation organizes a variety of recreation programs throughout the year for residents of all ages. Flyers are distributed through the schools, library, e-mails and mail. Registration is first come, first serve. Programs with low enrollment are canceled.

May 5, 2008 Town Meeting approved to zero (0) fund Recreation Department 542. Warrant Article 23 was voted that the Town reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through registration fees and other revenues for Recreation Programs to pay the costs of the Recreation Program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Program Coordinator, not to exceed $200,000 during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2008 from the existing Revolving Fund account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

STONEHAM ARENA

The arena has seen its greatest year of change since its opening in 1974.
At town meeting in May $138,000 was appropriated for the removal and installation of new arena boards, glass and netting. The bid was awarded to Northeast Rink Systems of Stoneham MA. The bid called for the removal of the existing boards and glass and installation of professional grade steel boards and Lexon tempered glass. The arena had to be shut down for 10 weeks to allow time for removal of the old wooden boards and plexi glass. Rather than shut down the arena in May and not reopen until September. The town administrator agreed to keep the arena open until July 1 to make up for the revenue loss of July and August. A September 10th target reopening date was set and met with the completion of the replacement on September 3, 2008.

At the October 2007 town meeting the arena was also approved for $40,000 capital improvement of the installation of a low Emissivity ceiling (Low E ceiling). The ceiling insulates the cold air in the arena and helps reduce energy costs. The bid process began in August and was awarded again to Northeast rink systems. To not upset the operations of the arena, Rink systems installed the ceiling at night working from 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. The ceiling was completed November 1 and is starting to prove its value by reducing energy costs.

This year the arena is hosting 4 Massachusetts Hockey state tournaments and the MIAA Schoolboy Hockey Association is using Stoneham arena to site 12 state tournament playoff games in late February. Also for the first time the Interstate Junior Hockey league is playing its National championship tournament at the arena in late March. This tournament will have junior hockey teams from North America and Canada competing for the National championships in 3 divisions: junior selects, elite and super elite.

The arena preschool program, Learn to Figure Skate Program and the Stoneham Figure Skating Club are our major figure skating clubs again this year with Stoneham Youth Hockey continuing their midget, bantam, peewee, squirt, mite, instructional mite and clinic hockey programs. Continuing to call Stoneham Arena their home arena are Stoneham high boys varsity, junior varsity and girls varsity. Also Austin Prep boys and girls varsity, Matignon boys and girls varsity hockey teams occupy the arena. The website www.stoneham-ma.gov/arena has continued to be an excellent source of info for the general public as more individuals have utilized the information provided. Public skating hours are Monday thru Friday 10:00am – 11:50am and Sundays (November through March) from 4:00pm – 5:50pm. Stick practice hours are Monday through Friday 12:00pm – 1:50pm. Preschool lessons are held Tuesday and/or Wednesday morning at 9:30am. Adult group lessons are also held on Tuesday and/or Wednesday mornings. For further ice rental information or any questions please call 781-279-2629.
Submitted by Louis M. Chiulli, Stoneham Arena Manager

RECREATION PROGRAMS (DEPARTMENT 542)

Stoneham Recreation has been self-supporting since July 1, 2005. This department is dependent on program fees, sponsors, fundraising and donations. Stoneham Bank has been a great supporter and has sponsored the Summer Open Parks Program and the Open Gym Basketball Program for several years. Without Stoneham Bank these programs would not be offered. **The following is a list of activities/services that were provided to the citizens of Stoneham in 2008:**

Middle School Drama
Field Permits
Adventure Club
Open Parks Program
Recreation Tennis
Spring after School Drama
Winter after School Drama
High School Boys Soccer
Girls High School Soccer
Men's Over 30 basketball
Spring Soccer Clinics
Fall Soccer Clinics
Puppetry Program
Baking Program
Skyhawks Programs
Baseball
Basketball
Soccer
Tennis
Showcase Movie Tickets
High School Musical Field Trip
Scheduling Recreation Park Field House
Top Secret Science Programs
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Open Gym Basketball Program
Athletic Edge Football Clinics
Kids Just Love Crafts
Golf Lessons at Unicorn Golf Course
Spartan Baseball Program
Spartan Soccer School
Major League Soccer Camps
Spartan Sports Program
Mount Hood Golf Lessons
World Track Record Program
Thundercat Basketball
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Girls Field Hockey Clinic
US Sports Institute Program
Math Mania Program
Adult Yoga
Sciensational Robotics Workshop
Stoneham Theatre Ticket Fundraiser

Former Red Sox player, Jim Rice signing at Recreation Park

GRATITUDE:

- The Recreation Department would like to give special thanks to the Department of Public Works and the School Department for their assistance and cooperation during the course of the year.
- Thank you to Recreation Committee Member Dennis Visconti for overseeing the Men's fall and winter Over 30 Basketball League.
- Thank you to Carolyn Lassiter from Re/Max in Stoneham for having a Hot Air Balloon Fundraiser for Stoneham Recreation on Town Day at Recreation Park.
- Thank you to Stoneham resident Liz Arno for teaching the Middle School after school program, baking program and puppetry program.
- Thank you to all the seasonal staff and coaches for working with Stoneham Recreation in offering safe and fun programs.
- I would personally like to thank Stoneham residents for their support, kind words and participation over the year. It is a pleasure to serve a wonderful community.
- A special thanks to the O'Keefe Family for their donations throughout the years in memory of Recreation Committee member Robert O'Keefe, Jr. and his father Robert O'Keefe, Sr.
- An extra special thank you to the Selectmen, Stoneham Bank, Chamber of Commerce, Stoneham Youth Organizations and volunteers that assisted during the course of the year.

DONATIONS AND SPONSORS

Stoneham Bank Open Gym Program $3,000.00
Stoneham Bank - Open Park Program $3,000.00
MELD Center – Open Park Program - $2,000
Weiss Farm & Donna Weiss – Open Park Program $1,000.00
Stoneham Police Department - $633.00
Our Lady of Nazareth Academy $500.00
Giovanni Ferrari, Men's Soccer $500.00
Salvatore LoGrasso, Men's Soccer $250.00
Suzanne Bialock – Open Park Program - $240.00
Celtics Tickets raffle (thanks to John Sicuso) $150.00
John Scullin, Stoneham resident $50.00
Kelly Tarmey – Middle School after School Program $25
Stoneham Little League $15.00
Billie Ann Gallagher $10.00

FUNDRAISERS

Lowell Devils Hockey $108.00
BJ'S Membership $280.00
Town Day $530.00
Hot Air Balloon Event/RE/MAX Carolyn Lassiter $250.00
Submitted by Christine DelRossi, Recreation Program Coordinator

2008 ANNUAL REPORT – UNICORN AND STONEHAM OAKS GOLF COURSES

We proceeded with the golf season by opening Unicorn Golf Course on March 14, 2008 and Stoneham Oaks on April 18, 2008. Carl Marchio and Ken Pratt the on site P.G.A. professionals at Unicorn and Stoneham Oaks provided lessons and golf clinics throughout the season. Frequent rains during this season resulted in a decrease in golf rounds. The season closed for play on December 15, 2008

2008 ANNUAL REPORT
RICHARD BONGIORNO, CHIEF OF POLICE

The Stoneham Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of professional police service while respecting the constitutional rights of every person living in or visiting the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Stoneham. The Department uses modern approaches to community policing philosophy and techniques to decrease crime and improve the delivery of services to the community. A goal of the office of Chief of Police is to involve citizens, business, civic groups, and clergy in the formulation of policy, policing strategies and the continued implementation of community oriented policing to combat crime and the undesirable elements associated with crime.

The Office of the Chief manages the overall operation of the Stoneham Police Department and plans for the future in close collaboration with the Town Administrator. In 2007, an extensive review of Department policies was conducted to ensure updated policies reflected Contemporary Policing Standards, and as a result, we continue to update our policies to reflect contemporary standards consistent with Massachusetts Police Accreditation Standards. As a result of our efforts we implemented and/or updated the following policies in 2008:

- Internal and Administrative Investigation procedures, to investigate citizen complaints about police conduct and staff investigations.
- Seatbelt Policy
- Personnel Records Review
- Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Policy
- Emergency Communications.

At the recommendation of the Town Administrator and approval by the Board of Selectmen, we successfully hired three Stoneham residents as police officers who will be graduating from the MBTA Police Academy in April 2009. We also promoted one patrol officer to the rank of Sergeant.

The Department, in collaboration with the Town's Information Technology Manager, is in the process of updating our computer technology to better track false alarms that require police response, and hope to have this system on line in the final quarter of FY 09. Our goal is to reduce the voluminous false alarms in our community, requiring police response that takes an inordinate amount of time from normal patrol operations. The department also installed a Live Scan Digital Fingerprint computer that allows us to take digital fingerprints of any person coming into our custody that requires fingerprinting. The electronic digital fingerprints are submitted to the F.B.I. National Fingerprint Depository in West Virginia. Once analyzed, we receive the results of the submitted fingerprints within several minutes, thus providing the true identity of persons in custody if they have ever been fingerprinted in the past.

Through the effort of our Department Grant Administrator, we were successful in receiving grants and reimbursements in the amount of $115,000 through State and Federal agencies, which were used to enhance our overall public safety efforts.

In closing, on behalf of the entire police department, I want to acknowledge the support given to the entire department by the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator. With this continued support, the Stoneham Police Department will continue moving forward to expand our efforts to serve the entire Town of Stoneham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Bongiorno
Chief of Police

DETECTIVE BUREAU
2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Lt. Richard McCarthy
Detective OIC

The Detective Bureau is responsible for criminal investigations both adult and juvenile, narcotic investigations, computer crime investigation and all subsequent prosecutions. The Detective Bureau also assists town residents that may require his, or her, fingerprints taken for a job application, the processing of all gun permits, and the local dissemination of all Sex Offender information.

In 2008, the Bureau included Inspector George Alger (Juvenile Officer), Inspector Edwin Peek, Inspector Joseph Denehy (Computer Crimes), Inspector Robert McKinnon, Inspector Paul Norton (Narcotics) and Inspector Thomas Marshall (Prosecutor).

CRIME STATISTICS: In keeping with our tradition of publishing statistics, the 2008 reported incidents indicate:

Arrests	208
Criminal summonses	81
Court hearings	265
Homicide	0
Sex crimes	5
Assaults	37
Robberies	4
Missing persons	26
Uttering	6
Vandalism	174
Larceny including shoplifting	264
Threats/harassment	112
Breaking and Entering/all types including attempts	219
Domestic violence/restraining order violations	130
Service and attempted service of restraining orders	157
Firearm calls	15
Summons/warrant service	168
Animal calls	130
Disturbance calls	796
Road hazard	223
Building/person checks	2826
Medical aid	1769
Motor vehicles - stolen	33
Motor vehicles – recovered	36
Motor vehicle accidents	641
Motor vehicle (all other calls)	849
Alarms (including fire)	1108

SEXUAL OFFENDERS living/working in Stoneham as of January 30, 2009:
(Sex Offender info available on line at ww.mass.gov/sorb)

1 Level Three offender: risk of recidivism is high and offender information actively disseminated to public.
13 Level Two offenders: risk of recidivism is moderate and offender information available upon request.
11 Level One offenders: risk of recidivism is low and no offender information available.

DEATHS: All sudden deaths were reported to the Medical Examiner and determined to be noncriminal at this time.

NARCOTICS: Investigation of narcotics incidents continues to be an ongoing priority. Joint effort and assistance came from surrounding communities within the Southern Middlesex Regional Task Force, the Middlesex District Attorneys State Police Task Force, The Attorney Generals State Police Task Force, The United States Drug Enforcement Agency and the Internal Revenue Service.

The members of the Detective Bureau continue to participate in the monthly Northeast Middlesex Law Enforcement Council Detective meetings. These meeting act as forum for the exchange of information between as many as seventy other law enforcement agencies. These agencies include not only local, state and federal agencies but private security agencies as well.

The Detective Bureau works in conjunction with Uniform Operations in conducting surveillance work for crimes such as tagging, narcotic activity, late night larcenies, shoplifting, on going disturbance complaints, drag racing, underage alcohol purchases and persons wanted on outstanding arrest warrants.

2008 ANNUAL REPORT
PATROL OPERATIONS SECTION

The Operations Section of the Stoneham Police Department consists of the 26 uniformed officers who respond to calls for service and patrol the community. In August, Officer Steven Launie returned to duty after being deployed to Iraq with the National Guard. In October, the department hired Kenneth Bowdidge, Laura Fardy, and Jason Fields as student officers. These individuals were hired due to the impending retirement of several officers and will graduate from the Transit Police Academy in April 2009. In November, Officer David Thistle was promoted to the rank of sergeant, filling a vacancy that existed since January 2007.

The Stoneham Police Department continues its membership in the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC), which is a consortium of 49 law enforcement agencies within Middlesex and Essex Counties. As a member of NEMLEC, our department is able to call upon the resources of the organization for support and assistance when a need arises. These resources include a SWAT team, a Regional Response Team (RRT) to assist in maintaining public order during a demonstration or disaster, a Motorcycle Unit to assist with traffic control, a School Threat Assessment and Response System (STARS) which assists during a school related emergency, as well as other specialized investigative tools and personnel. Officers Steven Carroll and Thomas Heller are assigned to NEMLEC's SWAT and RRT units. During the past year, these officers provided assistance to other police department on 18 occasions for incidents ranging from maintaining order at large scale public events, labor disputes, missing person searches, to executing search and arrest warrants.

The Community Policing Unit (CPU), under the leadership of Sergeant Steven Nims, had another successful year. CPU members continued their work as school resource officers in the elementary and secondary schools. Each school resource officer has a positive working relationship with the school administrators. Lock-down exercises were conducted in each public school. At the Middle and High Schools, administrators combined these exercises with searches of student lockers by narcotic detection canines. These searches did not result in any drugs being located.

Sergeant Stefanelli coordinated the activites of the nine member Bicycle Unit. These officers provided traffic control for numerous community events such as Town Day, road races and walk-a-thons, as well as provided a police presence throughout the community.

The Stoneham Police Department was the recipient of $115,000 in federal and state grant money. The funds these grants provided allowed for dedicated patrols for aggressive and impaired drivers, specialized training for officers and civilian dispatchers, the purchase of pedestrian crossing signs and child safety seats. All activities and initiatives performed by the Community Policing Unit are funded through a state grant.

Respectfully submitted by Lieutenant James McIntyre

2008 ANNUAL REPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH
DAVID LUCIANO, HEAD DISPATCHER

The Public Safety Dispatch Department provides 24-hour civilian dispatching for the Police Department, Fire Department and contract ambulance. The department is comprised of six full-time Dispatchers, two part-time Dispatchers and operates from the Police Station.

During the course of 2008 over 13,600 calls for service that required personnel from the Police Department, Fire Department or ambulance to respond were processed through the dispatch center. The center received over 7,000 calls via 9-1-1; this total includes multiple reports of the same incidents as well as misdialed calls to 9-1-1. These calls for service do not include the numerous business or public information calls that come into the center or walk in reports to the Police Station that must also be processed by the dispatch staff.

Of the calls for service: 11,820 involved the Police Department, 2,866 involved the Fire Department and 2,244 involved the ambulance. Added together these numbers total over 16,900 incidents, this is due to the fact that many calls for service involve a multi-agency response.

The day shift dispatched 5,209 calls for service, the evening shift dispatched 5,966 calls for service and the overnight shift dispatched 4,357 calls for service.

During the year one new dispatcher was hired to replace a dispatcher that resigned to take a position in another community. During the year both dispatch personnel and Police personnel attend several training classes related to dispatching. The classes include; "Critical Incident Response Tips for 9-1-1 Dispatcher and Call Takers", "Simulation–Based Training for Dispatch Personnel" and Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), which will be implemented during 2009. All related costs for these classes were funded thru a grant received from the State for 9-1-1 related training.

2008 D.A.R.E. REPORT
by
OFFICER THOMAS CULLEN

Despite its reduction, the D.A.R.E. program continues its popularity with students, parents, law enforcement and educators. I continue to receive only positive feedback from the community.

The D.A.R.E. classroom is unique. This is the class where the subject is the student. They learn about themselves. They talk about themselves. They set goals for themselves and graduate empowered. The core strength of the Stoneham D.A.R.E. program is continuous reaffirmation to the child's self esteem and individual awareness, which leads to strengthening their personal life choices.

Our goals for the 2007 and 2008 school year in D.A.R.E. were met. The first goal was to work with the Community Policing Unit and do a lock down at our schools. Together all our schools, their staff and students participated in the lock down exercises and I am glad to say the schools passed very successfully.

Our second goal was to do drug sweeps in our public schools. In October and November both the High School and Middle School had the schools locked down and trained K-9 Drug sniffing dogs were brought into both locations. Neither one of the schools had drugs found in the buildings. We should be proud of the efforts of the students, staff and police who try hard to keep our schools safe so we can have a good learning environment.

Our third goal is to attend more training sponsored by the Middlesex D.A's office. Unfortunately because of lack of manpower in our Department this goal was not met. Hopefully in 2008-2009 we will have the opportunity to go to these informative classes.

In 2008 and 2009 we will continue to spread the message of D.A.R.E. by instructing our youth on a consistent basis and also by working with our schools and our Community Policing Unit.

Our children are our most precious gift, and it is the intentions of the D.A.R.E. program to have our youth grow up in Stoneham with clear minds, strong bodies and to allow our youth to make good life decisions by staying drug free.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Cullen
D.A.R.E. Officer

2008 ANNUAL REPORT
STONEHAM AUXILIARY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Stoneham Auxiliary Police Department is volunteer organization designed to augment the Stoneham Police Department. Some of the primary responsibilities of the Auxiliary Police are to provide additional patrols of Town owned property, assist with traffic at community events, such as Town Day, Winter Wonderland at Whip Hill, road races, and offer assistance during a Town emergency. When working, Auxiliary Police Officers possess the same police powers as full time police officer. Prior to working as an Auxiliary Officer, the candidate is required to attend the Basic Reserve Police Officer Academy sponsored by the Municipal Police Training Committee, as well as annual first aid/CRP and firearms qualification sponsored by the Stoneham Police Department.

Currently, there are sixteen active members on the Auxiliary Police. The following is a list of the active members:

August Niewenhous - Chief
David Luciano – Lieutenant
George Lessard – Sergeant
Daniel Marsden – Sergeant
Geoffrey Buchanan – Patrolman
David Delling - Patrolman
Maurice DiCicco – Patrolman
Donald Doucette – Patrolman
Douglas Eames – Patrolman
Michael Eastman- Patrolman
Eugenio Ianniciello - Patrolman
John Lazzaro - Patrolman
John Maguire - Patrolman
James Murphy - Patrolman
Christopher Ponzo - Patrolman
Juan Yepez - Patrolman

In the year 2008, these individuals donated 200 hours to the Town of Stoneham.

In October, Auxiliary Officer Kenneth Bowdidge was hired as a full-time Stoneham Police Officer. Officer Bowdidge entered the Transit Police Academy in Quincy and is expected to graduate in April 2009.

Respectfully submitted by Lieutenant James McIntyre

Safety Officer Report
By
Officer Laurence J. Rotondi

Even with the hard times and budget cuts, this year I was still able to maintain 16 traffic posts throughout the Town. I tip my hat to the traffic directors, these fine men and women who provide the daily safety barrier for our children. As a point of information, there is a difference between Traffic Directors and Crossing Guards, the difference being that a traffic director has extended powers including directing traffic and parking enforcement, along with crossing pedestrians.

I worked closely with the Building Department, Fire Department, D.P.W. and Selectmen's office this year, especially on Town site plans. Basically, I review the plans, which may arise as a result of new construction, especially traffic patterns spilling onto our roadways. Chief Bongiorno also assigns me to investigate safety issues and concerns received from the general public, such as speeding and parking. Our most often requested service is to monitor speeders wherein I place our speed monitor at strategic points on roadways, many times, I also place a traffic counter that tabulates the speed and count of traffic in a specific area. Most motorists are aware of the speed monitor with its flashing lights and it does work to make them aware of their speed. However with the government grants we were able to purchase a new traffic counter, which offers much more advanced technologies which is vertically invisible to drivers. This device calculates and records speed and the number of cars traveled in an area. We gather this data to determine average speed of motor vehicles and any possible need for traffic signs and signals to insure the public safety.

I will continue to write my weekly newspaper columns including safety tips and issues brought to my attention by residents of Stoneham. I will maintain an open door policy for any residents who have public safety concerns or suggestions to be addressed. I depend upon the citizens of our community to bring these issues to light.

I will also continue to conduct public tours of the police department to familiarize community groups with the daily operations. Tours include the swearing in the children as "Jr. Police officers" to encourage them to be more involved in their neighborhoods by reporting anything suspicious. Tours can be scheduled by calling the Safety Officer at 781.438.1215 ext. 3142.

If you have any questions regarding safety, do not hesitate to contact me. I am available for you and .....**Remember – Think Safety.**

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

This is the 149th report of the Stoneham Public Library covering the calendar year 2008.

BUDGET ISSUES

The same issues existed in 2008 as in each of the last few years. The budget continues to be a concern for the Town of Stoneham and, by extension, for the library. Town Meeting attendees overwhelmingly voted to appropriate enough funds to the library to maintain the library's state certification. We gratefully acknowledge their efforts and support. Without it the library would undoubtedly have lost its certification for 2009. Unfortunately, the library and the town are faced with the same budget problems in the coming year. Again the town is facing a fiscal crisis, and again the library is in danger of losing its State Certification, $25,000+ and access to other libraries in the state. .

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The Library was very sad to lose the services of Children's Librarian, Johanna Rapp. The seeming precarious fiscal situation in the town drove her to seek employment elsewhere in the Commonwealth. We were sorry to see her go. Fortunately, we had a former Children's Librarian on staff who stepped in without missing a beat. Janice Chase met the challenge and with the help of long-time Junior Library staffers, Mary Cunningham and Elaine McKenzie, a smooth transition took place with no loss of service to the public.

A hiring freeze has caused the loss of several positions in the library, including a part-time Reference Librarian. Further, the Cataloger's position has been reduced to 19 hours. This has caused some changes in staffing patterns. For the time being, the director will be filling in on some Saturdays, something that has not happened in over 35 years.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Library is still reduced 10 hours of operation, a result of budget cuts over the last few years, and may see more reductions in the future. This at a time when libraries are being used more than ever, not just for reading but for job searches, job applications and updating resumes. The downturn in the economy has made libraries a haven for job seekers and students.

PHYSICAL PLANT

The library's 75 year-old boiler was replaced this year. The new gas boiler runs much more efficiently and has resulted in some savings for the library. The end of the heating season should hopefully bring some good news on that front.

Our building has sustained some major water damage to its foundation over the last 25 years and will need major work. Wooden windows need to be replaced with a more durable material and inner walls have deteriorated badly, again due to water damage. It is hoped that the future will bring some much needed work to the library's infrastructure.

MATERIALS COLLECTIONS

To avoid further staff losses, the Library Board of Trustees voted to tap into the library's trust funds to help defray the cost of library materials. Over $47,000 in trust fund monies will be used in FY09 to maintain the library's collection and meet the state's requirement for materials spending for certification. This is a big blow to the library's accounts.

In this tough economy, the library continues to be the most cost-effective resource available. Again this year, our citizens made use of the Interlibrary Loan service the library provides. By remaining certified, the library is able to supplement its collection by borrowing from our neighbors. Requests in 2008 increased with a total of 10,038 items borrowed from other libraries and sent directly to Stoneham. This valuable service will continue as long as we are open and certified. Further, in FY08 citizens of Stoneham borrowed over 31,000 items personally at our four nearest neighboring NOBLE libraries of Lynnfield, Melrose, Reading and Wakefield. This service will also continue as long as the library is open and certified.

Several new services were made available to Stoneham residents this year. Audiobooks have grown in popularity over the last few years. Downloadable books have now become available through the library's online catalog. The digital revolution has brought a whole new category of materials for use by the public. The Library added **OverDrive** to its collection this past year, a service that allows those with PCs, MP3 players, some iPods and iPhones, and other devices to download books directly from our catalog and listen to them at their leisure. Listen while exercising, commuting, traveling, or during any other activity. This service is free and checked out just like other items, with a library card. Patrons do need access to a computer and must download the OverDrive console to use this service. Go to http://overdrive.noblenet.org to see details of our collection, instructions, and to find a list of compatible devices.

Our NOBLE consortium also added a great service called **NextReads**. Newletters in more than 20 categories are emailed monthly to subscribers and include new titles and older titles that patrons may not be aware of. This free service links to the online catalog and will immediately indicate whether a title is available locally or in another NOBLE library. To subscribe one need only go to www.noblenet.org, scroll down to NextReads and click the link, choose the preferred newsletter(s) topics, fill out the proper information and receive the monthly newsletters. This service joins Novelist in suggesting new and different authors to our patrons.

Several new online databases were added this past year. They can be found by going to www.stonehamlibrary.org/databases. **Marshall Cavendish Digital** is a wonderful research tool covering mainly the sciences. With articles, diagrams and illustrations of all sorts, this will enhance anyone's research paper.

For those interested in family histories, **Ancestry.com** is a very helpful resource. This database allows access to census records, military records, immigration records, birth records, death records and much more. It is only available online in the library, but is an invaluable resource for genealogists.

Those searching for a new career path should try the Reference USA link to **Employers USA**, a good place to begin a job search. And those preparing for college, looking for a new career, or in need of practice for a standardized test can find no better resource than **Learning Express Library** which offers sample tests for all ages from Elementary School to SATs, GREs, ACTs, Civil Service Exams, AP Tests, Law Enforcement, Real Estate, Nursing, resume writing and much more.

All of these services are free. All you need is a library card.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

The Junior Library's staff rose to the occasion with the departure of Johanna Rapp. The children's program proceeded with only a short interval of inactivity and picked right up with a great summer program that had over 450 participants. The Summer Wild Reads program stressed working with individuals from the Stoneham area. Nancy Mangion, beekeeper and former Stoneham teacher, did a program about bees and each child created his or her own beeswax candle.

The library's neighbors at Axion Drummer's Place offered free music lessons out on the Library lawn. A great impromptu band formed and participants learned about rhythm and sound.

The Junior Library worked with the Stone Zoo to encourage both reading and support for the zoo's programs. For each child who signed up for the summer reading program, a penny was awarded to the zoo to provide financial support for the monkey population residing at the zoo.

Many storybook characters visited the Junior Library during 2008. Maisy the Mouse, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Raggedy Ann, and Spot all paid visits to the Stoneham Public Library. The highlight of these visits was the appearance of Curious George who was welcomed by over 250 of his fans and friends.

The Story Time programs continue to be a staple of the Junior Library schedule with attendance of over 3,150 over the course of 2008. Story times are held for children beginning with age 0 and progressing thru age 5. The Junior Library also has an Elementary Book Discussion Group and a Teen Advisory Board.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

The Adult Library had a very busy year in 2008 thanks to the efforts of Assistant Director, May Forkin. The highlights are listed below:

An Ice Cream Social was held at the library which included not only the making of ice cream sundaes but also some wonderful entertainment led by Peter Maguire who specializes in traditional Irish music. The evening was a great success.

In May the library staff held a thank you pot luck dinner for the library's supporters who worked so diligently to ensure the library's funding. The food was supplied and prepared by the staff members and diners were joined by Hallie Ephron and Donald Davidoff, co-writers of five mystery books. It was a perfect way to say "thanks."

The library was visited by newcaster Hank Phillippi Ryan who talked about her books and her career in the news.

Globe reporter Sean Murphy joined the Friends of the Library at their Annual Meeting to discuss the ins and outs of the Big Dig project. It was a fascinating look at the most expensive public works project ever attempted.

The Steve Wark Trio visited the library in October and provided some smooth jazz and classic tunes for the library audience.

The Library's book club celebrated its fifth anniversary thanks to the efforts of Reference Librarian Maureen Saltzman. The program continues to thrive in her capable hands.

All these programs and more were offered free of charge to the citizens of Stoneham.

THANK YOU

As always, the Library Board of Trustees and I would like to thank the staff of the Stoneham Public Library for its continued hard work. Their hard work and dedication to the people of Stoneham and the Library is an inspiration. It is very much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary P. Todd
Director

Stoneham Public Schools
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The 2007-08 school year was one of many changes in leadership and direction for the Stoneham Public Schools. School Committee member Miriam Regan-Fiore resigned in early July and was replaced by Shelly MacNeill, who was appointed for the balance of the year by a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee. Committee members Maureen Soley and Cheryl Walsh decided not to run for re-election, and voters in April elected Shelly MacNeill and David Maurer to three-year terms and former member Marc Grimaldi to a one-year term.

Dr. Les E. Olson began his initial term as Superintendent of Schools on July 1, 2007 and filled the vacant administrative positions with the following appointments:

Edward Russo was promoted from Assistant Principal to Principal of Stoneham High School;

John Strangi was promoted from Program Supervisor of Business and Industrial Technology to Assistant Principal of Stoneham High School;

Christopher Banos was promoted from Assistant Principal to Principal of Stoneham Middle School;

Sandra Fulmer was promoted from science teacher to Assistant Principal of Stoneham Middle School;

David Pignone was hired as Director of Athletics and Physical Education; and

Dr. Frank Scott was promoted from Team Chair to Director of Pupil Services.

Also, Steve Jackson assumed the role of Mathematics Program Supervisor in addition to his responsibilities in Science; Paula Sampson assumed the role of Business/Industrial Technology Program Supervisor in addition to her responsibilities in Social Studies; and Robert Lague re-assumed his previous role as Program Supervisor of Fine Arts.

Student representative members to the School Committee were as follows: Nicole Willard, Nick Ciarlante, Daniela Colucci, Brandon Epstein, Derrick Roberts, Mary Neil, Zachary Pinto, and Alicia Farina. Student members joined the superintendent and Marie Christie, School Committee Chair, in attending the MASC Day on the Hill in April.

The budget for the 2007-08 school year was finalized at an August Special Town Meeting, when voters appropriated the funds made available by the selectmen's decision to reinstate a trash fee following the defeat of the proposed override earlier in June. These funds, added to the budget salary surplus made available by the resignation of 50 experienced teachers over the spring and summer, allowed the school year to begin with all programs and activities fully funded. The October Special Town Meeting also

appropriated $100,000 to address technology issues identified in the 2006 evaluation report of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Also in August 2007, the School Committee and Stoneham Teachers Association completed negotiations on a new three-year contract for the period of July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009. In addition to some minor language modifications, the parties agreed that the STA would begin discussions with the selectmen about possible entry into the state Group Insurance Commission. Initial discussions between the Selectmen and the Public Employees Committee started in September, and negotiations began in earnest in March 2008 and continued through the summer months. New contracts were also negotiated with our other employee collective bargaining groups.

Significant activities during the year included the following:

- The School Committee signed a contract with Chartwells Food Service for the management of the School Lunch program. The program experienced the same food-cost increases experienced by every program and household in the country, but the leadership of manager Kerry Bryan was well received in the schools. The contract was renewed in June for the 2008-09 school year;

- A revised Articles of Agreement was approved with the other member towns for the operation of the SEEM Collaborative;

- The Committee approved revised policies on Community Relations and Fundraising in an effort to coordinate and supervise fundraising by student and community groups on behalf of school programs;

- An Action Plan was approved to address the district's MCAS results, especially the designation of the Middle School as a school in need of restructuring in mathematics;

- The district's Professional Development and Curriculum Committees in English and Mathematics reported to the Committee;

- A March 10 fire caused by an explosion of NSTAR's transformer in the High School electrical vault resulted in the subsequent closing of the High School for three days. A one-day waiver of the 180-day attendance requirement was granted by the Department of Education;

- Cooperation between the Selectmen, Finance and Advisory Board , Town Administrator, Superintendent and School Committee resulted in a budget plan being presented to the May Annual Town Meeting that resulted in support for a level service budget for the 2008-09 school year;

- 192 students graduated from Stoneham High School on June 6, 2008.

The School Committee ended the year with two celebrations. First, the Superintendent initiated recognition of the following employees who completed at least thirty years of service with the Stoneham Public Schools:

Rosemarie Vecchio	Stephen Jackson	Edward Russo	John Bennett
Richard Mongeau	Thomas Mayo	Donna Brine	Cynthia Hard
Carol Miller	Michael Sheedy	Kathleen Plati	Susan McClory
Isabel Szczawinski	William Porter	Paul Linehan	Glenn Shepherd
Maureen McQuinn	Nancy Kaftan	Linda Peterson	Ellen Levine
Michele Fitzgerald	Mary Velluto	Sandra Corson	Barbara Lambropoulos
Karon Gibson-Mueller	William Taylor	Nancy Rolli	Linda O'Brien

Second, the School Committee awarded Crystal Apples to the following supporters of the schools:

Stephen Jackson – retiring Program Supervisor of Science and Mathematics;
Barbara Lambropoulos – retiring South School teacher;
Kristen Russo – former Finance Board and School Committee member;
Maureen Soley – former teacher, principal and School Committee member;
Christopher Willard – founder of the Stoneham Public Schools Foundation.

In addition to Stephen Jackson and Barbara Lambropoulos, the following employees also retired during the school year:

Deborah Pavelle – Speech Therapist, Central School
Nancy Kaftan – 5th Grade Teacher at Central School
Bill Mucica – English Teacher at the High School
Robert Lague – Program Supervisor of Fine Arts
Linda Peterson – Kindergarten Teacher at Central School
Maureen McQuinn – 3rd Grade Teacher at Central School

CENTRAL OFFICE

Support Services

The office of Business Management is responsible for most of the support services for the educational program and is also entrusted with managing the school budget finances and all of the property of the school district. The major support services include food service, maintenance and custodial services, and data processing.

Food Service Program

This department is responsible for providing breakfast at the High School, and lunch throughout the district, which has a population of approximately 2,700 students and staff. A full-service cafeteria is operated at the High School, and partial-service cafeterias (some cooking) are utilized at the Middle School, Central School, South School Robin Hood School, and Colonial Park School.
The food service program is operated as a revolving fund entity. Revenues generated by sales to students and staff are used to cover salaries and expenses for the program

For the 2007-2008 School Year, the School Department hired Chartwells, through a competitive procurement, to provide management for the Food Service Program. Chartwells provided an on-site manager with administrative support. The cafeteria staff remained Stoneham Public Schools employees.

Systemwide Data Processing

The Data Processing Coordinator manages student data reporting to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE), maintains the student and staff databases, maintains user accounts and client software, trains and supports the database users, and creates customized queries and reports.

The Data Processing Coordinator is responsible for maintaining a database used to store and report data pertaining to the scheduling of classes, grade reporting, transcripts and academic history, attendance, discipline and demographics.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Central School started the 2007-2008 school year with almost one-third of its faculty and staff either new to Stoneham, new to Central, or in a new position within the school. With an influx of fresh faces along with other familiar faces in new places, the school year started with a feeling of hope and excitement.

Parent involvement at Central School is highly valued. Parents volunteer in classrooms, during school events, and they assist in the library. They serve as guest readers and helping hands for special projects. The Central School PTO provides many opportunities for parent investment of time, energy, and resources. The PTO sponsored field trips for each grade level and provided cultural enrichment opportunities for the whole school. The PTO also provided free and low cost events for families to enjoy including a Halloween party, an ice cream social, Bingo nights, magicians, story tellers and a fifth grade trip to Rollerworld. Central School is proud of its long standing tradition of enthusiastic parent support.

StonehamBank has expanded its local business partnership with Central School this year by funding an MCAS Academy to help students who need extra time on task in order to show effective progress on MCAS assessments in reading comprehension. StonehamBank employees continued to serve as guest readers in classrooms and a bank representative has served on our Site Council. The bank supported the Homework Club, an after school program that provided students with one-to-one and small group assistance with nightly homework and long-term assignments. This relationship between Central School and StonehamBank benefits the students of Central School in many different ways.

The academic program has improved with the hiring of a DIBELS coordinator for each elementary school and the establishment of a mathematics curriculum committee. The *Fundations* reading program has helped many children achieve benchmark scores and the periodic DIBELS assessments have provided teachers in the primary grades with data that helps them form instructional groups to target specific skill needs. The mathematics curriculum committee has moved ahead with plans to pilot new mathematics materials

next year, with an eye towards purchasing these needed resources in the near future. Central School teachers have stepped into leadership roles as a result of these opportunities.

Safety concerns continue to be an area of focus. Based upon a recommendation contained in a Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Agency (MIIA) report, the traffic flow in the driveway was reduced to one lane with stopping and/or parking in the fire lane now banned. Our effort to encourage families to walk to school has had some success, but a bad winter caused sidewalks to remain covered in snow and ice, inhibiting walkers' passage. This brought the vehicles back to our driveway in full force during the span from December through mid-March. Work to maintain a secure school requires diligence. In addition to periodic fire drills, the school has held its first lock down drill with the cooperation of the Stoneham Police Department.

The 2007-2008 school year ended with the retirement of Mrs. Linda Peterson, who taught kindergarten for more than thirty years in Stoneham. As the teacher at Central School with whom most of the parents and students have initial contact, Mrs. Peterson has provided stability and consistency at the primary grades. Her wealth of knowledge and understanding of the needs of children has helped move our school forward.

The 2007-2008 school year was one of growth and change. The faculty, support staff, and parents of Central School continue to work together to create a school that is supportive and effective in its effort to educate its students.

Colonial Park Elementary School

In 2008, Colonial Park School educated approximately three hundred twenty students from Preschool through Fifth Grade. Of the fifteen classrooms at Colonial Park, two classrooms are dedicated for multiple sessions serving approximately sixty Preschool students, and the remaining thirteen rooms house the Kindergarten through Fifth Grade population. Music, Art, and Science classes are held in the Science Lab which serves as a multi purpose room for the building. In addition, the computer lab, gym, and library media center provide spaces for students to attend specialized classes each week. The stage, which can be accessed from both the gym and the cafeteria, is used for special events, the After School Program, and grade level activities.

The After School Program population continued to grow this year and students use all building areas to participate in the diverse activities offered throughout the afternoon. Colonial Park School, which is a state of the art facility, provides areas for Girl Scouts, Daisies, and Boy Scout programs, and the gym is in use weekly by sports programs.

During 2008, the students and staff at Colonial Park expanded the focus of the school community social awareness program that began in 2005. The goal of the project is to identify and encourage appropriate behaviors that demonstrate respect for self and others, cooperation, and teamwork. Jedli, the clown, returned to Colonial Park with a new show that delighted the students while stressing the themes of co-operation, respect, and community. In September, several teachers began training to incorporate the Open Circle social competency program into the curriculum. This is a two year initiative that will involve all staff at Colonial Park by the year 2010.

In conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Colonial Park families continued to participate in the Walk to School Program by walking six Wednesdays in the fall, and continuing Walk to School Week in the spring. Parents were also trained to present a special Grade 2 Safety Program that included a walk through the neighborhood to learn about neighborhood and street safety practices. With parent co-ordination several other activities have been planned and carried out including inviting families to walk to Whip Hill.

The staff at Colonial Park School continued to focus professional development in the areas of literacy, instructional strategies, and science and social studies content areas. Kindergarten through second grade staff met with consultants and literacy experts to develop literacy teams and improve and expand strategies for reading instruction. All classes incorporated new reading practices such as the use of SRA Reading Kits as part of weekly schedules. Several Colonial Park School teachers piloted new math programs and all teachers attended workshops emphasizing strategies and tools to help students answer open response test questions at all levels. Volunteer teachers and the principal organized an MCAS Parent Night to introduce parents to MCAS tests and questions. Families cycled through several stations to see the link between MCAS and the classroom.

Special grade level and class projects this year included dramatic book reports, math centers, trade day, a wax museum, readers theater production, authors' breakfast, poetry readings, and pre school pajama parties. By years end, the entire school population participated on Election Day 2008 in a mock election. The gym was set up as a polling site and each class was designated a precinct. Students followed the exact procedures as adults as they cast their votes and received their good citizen certificates.

In 2008, the staff and faculty at Colonial Park met to review and update crisis plans for the building. A Crisis Drill was done in conjunction with the Stoneham Police Department this year. This involved students and staff in a full scale school lock down procedure. After the activity, the entire staff met to discuss the event.

Colonial Park School provides many opportunities for family members and community representatives to get involved in the education of students. The PTO sponsors educational enrichments for all students throughout the year including motivational speakers, and dramatic historical presentations. This year, Jedli the Clown spoke about friendship and respect, and Abigail Adams visited the students to tell her story. Top Secret Science presentations at every grade level provided hands on science activities with a take home component. In addition to presenting two book fairs each year, parents plan a six week Read A Thon which ends with an ice cream party to celebrate the hundreds of books read by the students. Parents also volunteer in the library and classrooms and they organize social functions such as Holiday Breakfast, Bingo, Pizza, and Ice Cream socials. In 2008, Colonial Park held its first Talent Show which was enjoyed by parents and students. Parents also worked with the school council to develop a survey which was available to families on the website.

During Education Week, parents were invited to an Appreciation Breakfast, and thank you certificates for all families were displayed in the school Lobby.

The Outdoor Classroom project continued with spring planting at all levels and families weeded the school grounds. Scout groups planted flowers and created seasonal displays for the entrance to the school. The school recycling program expanded to include plastic collection, and the school newsletter is now emailed to families. An Abitibi Recycle Bin has been placed on site for family and neighborhood use.

Community service is an important component of the curriculum at Colonial Park as our students become members of their local and global communities. Students collected pennies for patients, sent supplies to soldiers and veterans, and donated food to a local food pantry and holiday gifts to Casa Myrna homeless shelter. At the initiative of two fifth grade students, a child with San Filippo Syndrome was helped by student donations and the results of a hat day were sent to the Daniel Orijiako Foundation which develops projects in Sub Saharan Africa.

Colonial Park School provides a safe, supportive learning environment where students are encouraged to strive for excellence in a school community composed of caring, dedicated educators and support staff who work with families to see that no child is left behind.

Robin Hood Elementary School

Robin Hood staff and parents worked all year to offer students optimum success and growth in their educational setting. Our school community is made up of a group of very dedicated and hard-working people. Our regular educational staff, special education staff, paraprofessionals, cafeteria workers, custodians, and the front office personnel work together to provide a safe, supportive learning environment for all of our students. While the majority of our staff is long-time employees and familiar faces, we did welcome teaching assistants Mary Marchant and Amy Gardner, speech and language therapist Jessica Donovan, and occupational therapist Kathleen Daniels,

Total enrollment is now 344 students. We continue to house three special education integrated programs at the primary level, a program for hearing impaired students, and sixteen K-5 classes. In addition to the academic curriculum at each grade level, students participate in music or art, physical education, library, and computer lab. Students in grades 4-5 also receive Italian class bi-weekly, which is funded through a grant.

Robin Hood School Council has continued to work tirelessly on behalf of our school, our students, and our district. Meetings were held to implement and develop our School Improvement Plan. An Information forum for parents was conducted on MCAS results and how to help your child succeed. The school council developed a comprehensive school improvement plan which is currently being implemented. Our mission continues to develop students who:

- are creative, critical, and independent thinkers
- have respect and tolerance for self and others
- know and apply communication and computation skills
- are healthy and responsible contributors to society

Robin Hood School continues to pride itself in the academic performance of all students. We are required to issue an annual "report card". This "report card" gives us information

regarding teacher qualifications, school achievement, and school performance ratings. Robin Hood School has met with success in these areas and we continue to make adequate yearly progress according to the standards set forth by the state. We have continued our practice of analyzing MCAS scores and adjusting our curriculum accordingly. Each year an MCAS Action Plan is written and implemented by the staff. Our students have continued to perform well in all MCAS assessments and consistently perform above the state and district average. Robin Hood School staff continues to implement successful teaching strategies that enhance students' academic performance.

Professional development continues to be a priority of the staff at Robin Hood School. In addition to working towards their own recertification, staff has participated in numerous courses, workshops, and conferences throughout the year. Robin Hood teachers have worked diligently preparing our students for statewide assessments. The staff is to be commended for holding high standards for all students and helping each and every student achieve.

Parental involvement continues to be strong at Robin Hood. Throughout the school year many parent volunteers assisted in the building most school days. Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has funded several field trips and has sponsored several enrichment programs at the school. These included Eyes on Owls, Bugworks, Colonial Times, Fun with Fossils and Dinosaurs, Top Secret Science's Electrical Gadgets, The Magic of Maps, The Immigration Experience, Techsploration, Eyewitness to the Revolutionary War: Phoebe Emerson, Fox News Meteorologist, Stoneham Theater Kids4Kids, and a Starlab/Planetarium presentation. Our PTO also sponsored several student/family activity nights, including Back to School Picnic, Halloween Party, Munch with Santa, Dr. Seuss Birthday Party Night, and a Bingo Night.

Our annual Read-a-thon is also sponsored by our PTO. The theme for the 2008 Read-a-thon was Fine Arts. In addition to our students meeting their reading goals we had three school-wide presentations from outside guests: Art Quest, The Movement Company's Geodome Day, and Opera Presto.

We sincerely appreciate the hard work of all our parents, their fundraising efforts, and their strong commitment to public education in Stoneham.

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

South School continues to focus on key elements of educating youngsters in meaningful ways. Each element is an example of how Stoneham as a district, and South in particular, works with our parents and community to meet the needs of our children and their families.

Our tuition based Full Day Kindergarten Program continues to be a success. Our After-School Childcare Program at South continues to grow, reaching higher enrollment this year than ever before. Our Stop & Shop Homework Help Program entered its fifth year. Our business partner, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, was able to fully fund our Homework Help Program once again this year with a very generous donation of $4320. This program, a major goal of our School Improvement Plan, serves to lengthen the school day for a number of our students, and give them help on their homework.

This year marked the school's third year of the Open Circle Social Competency Curriculum in Grades One through Five. This program, in conjunction with the Stone Center from Wellesley College, provides teachers and staff with training in how to implement the Open Circle curriculum in each classroom twice weekly throughout the school year. We also conducted our third year of parent training in Open Circle with our highest number of parents participating, with 100% positive feedback.

Our K-2 staff began implementing the three-tier model for reading instruction this year. This model, based on the Reading First Federal Grant program, involves using the DIBELS assessment to gauge how students are progressing with their reading skills. The schedule was adjusted to allow for smaller, intensive group work for each child based on their needs. Staff and parents report a high degree of success and satisfaction from this approach, which individualizes and differentiates our reading instruction.

This year also marked the first year that South offered inclusion, or co-taught classrooms in both First and Fifth Grade. The co-taught model involves clustering a number of students with special needs in a particular class, and devotes not only a classroom teacher but a special education teacher to the classroom as well. In doing so, the students who need specialized instruction can receive it without being pulled out of class during the day, while regular education students benefit from differentiated opportunities that two teachers working closely together can provide.

Our Preschool Staff provided district-wide workshops focusing on Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Classroom and Child Management Techniques. This was a teacher-driven process where staff are training staff around issues common to all. The workshops were very well received and plans are in place to continue to provide workshops next year as well.

Our PTO Mini Grants Program continues to thrive. This program seeks to encourage teachers and staff to plan for events and activities that go "above and beyond" the normal school curriculum and school day. We also had our Author's Night in April. This year we continued to have our Third and Fifth Grade Math Nights that have been so popular. This year our ArtQuest Program was awarded a $1000 grant for South School from Best Buy.

Our PTO and School Site Council continue to be tremendously positive forces that contribute to the overall climate of South. We offered a full range of school wide activities, such as Holiday Breakfast, Halloween Party, Back-to-School Picnic, and Bingo and Pasta Nights. Our Community Outreach effort expanded this year to include a tremendously successful Thanksgiving food drive and "Giving Tree", which provided local families with toys and clothing for their children. Our PTO consistently provides students with enrichment opportunities through in school visits and performances, as well as educationally sound field trips. The school also continued to offer a full Junior Achievement curriculum, in conjunction with our PTO.

This year was special in large part due to our participation in ArtQuest. This spring our school hosted 39 separate enrichments exposing children to higher level thinking skills based on famous and not so famous works of art. Children learned about art concepts, did sketching, wrote about art, and developed analytical and questioning skills. The program was capped off by a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, for all students in

Grades 2-5. The trip was a tremendous success. Staff worked to coordinate follow up activities throughout the spring, and worked with museum staff to tailor the tours to our individual grade needs.

South School continues in its mission to educate its children in the most complete ways possible. Staff and parents consistently work together to reach our goals. We are fortunate to have so many of these special opportunities to enrich and support the academic and social lives of our children. We will look for ways to continue to do so.

Stoneham Middle School

Stoneham Middle School is made up of grades 6, 7 and 8. As of October 2007, the student population of 620 breaks down as follows: 198 students in grade six, 207 students in grade seven and 215 students in grade eight. There are 294 boys and 326 girls. The schedule at the middle school engages students in more than 900 hours of time-on-learning. Core academic offerings include: English Language Arts, math, science, and social studies. Students participate in physical education, art, music, world languages (French, Spanish or Italian), reading/ study skills and math enrichment. Additionally, Stoneham Middle School offers chorus and band to its students during its Activity Block which meets every Day Two of its six day cycle. Students who do not choose to participate in these offerings take part in sustained silent reading.

In the spring of 2008 students participated in MCAS testing in the areas of English Language Arts, math, science and technology/engineering, and history and social science. Successfully preparing students for MCAS is an on-going commitment throughout the academic year. This is realized through the combined efforts of administration, department supervisors, and faculty who ensure that the curriculum and lessons for their subject areas fully encompass the Massachusetts State Frameworks.

Stoneham Middle School has been identified as a school needing Restructuring. We will continue to use formative assessments in math to drive instruction. The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade self-contained math classes will be abandoned in favor of placing those students in the deliberate math classes with the appropriate academic support. Transition math will be added to the grade six math curriculum. The Math Action Team will continue to develop and implement initiatives that will increase academic achievement.

In September, our grade six students participated in the Iowa Survey Battery testing. Students were tested in the areas of reading, language, and mathematics. A number of our students scored at or above the 95th percentile in this nationally-normed standardized test and are therefore eligible to participate in the annual Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth search.

In light of the unique needs of the middle level student, and in keeping with our mission to educate each student intellectually, socially, and emotionally, the middle school strives to create a structure of opportunities for learning that nourish the strengths of each student. Due to the budget cuts that forced the elimination of teams, as well as the elimination of many exploratory subjects previously offered, the middle school confronts these challenges with the assistance of its parents and the community to foster and sustain a broad based educational experience for all students. The middle school continues to address these issues to the best of their ability. A health component has been added to our

physical education curriculum. The health component is not a replacement for a health class it is merely a once a cycle addendum.

Stoneham Middle School's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) actively works with community businesses and organizations to maintain extra-curricular programs for its students. Stoneham Bank continues to fund our Math Team. Stoneham Education Foundation funds all of our intramural programs as well as jazz band. Homework club, Student Council and Junior Great Books are also funded by outside sources. In addition, through its fundraising efforts and grants from the Stoneham Cultural Council and the Stoneham Business and Community Educational Foundation, the PTO Enrichment Committee provides in-school programs that serve to enhance curriculum objectives beyond the classroom. For example, students experience such programs as Pyramids and Pharaohs with Paulette Morin, David Zucker's Odyssey of the Mime, and the annual visit from distinguished author Yoko Watkins. Ball In The House part of Young Audiences, is an acappella ensemble that presents to the middle school's entire student body in October.

The Middle School is an old building that continues to need maintenance and upkeep. This summer all of the water fountains were rebuilt and repaired. The floor tiles were replaced in rooms 203 and 210.

The Middle School boasts a community of involved learners, parents and staff who respond unselfishly to the needs of their school and their town. The third annual Community Service Weekend sponsored by the PTO and took place over the May 17th weekend where parent/student teams helped to clean up different areas of town. Karen Kelly one of our PTO members coordinated the restoration of our courtyard. Karen in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Stoneham raised over five thousand dollars in donations. Mac's Landscaping donated a crew of workers for the day including a Bobcat and two trucks. Mac himself coordinated the work efforts. Four picnic tables and two benches along with many yards of mulch and plants were part of the donations. Parents, teachers and students worked diligently all weekend on this project. In addition, Capone Landscaping continues to adopt our school front with clean ups and plantings in the spring and fall.

Community Outreach, a committee within the PTO, involves students in donating to the needy families within our community. The generosity of our students and their families is very much appreciated especially during the holiday season.

The Middle School strives to provide quality instruction and to create multiple learning opportunities where students of diverse learning styles and abilities can be successful.

STONEHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Introduction

Stoneham High School's October 1, 2007 enrollment was 805 in grades 9-12. This is a student decrease of sixty two from 2006. For the 2007 – 2008 school year, Stoneham High School welcomed several new teachers: Karen Mangan and William Pretzer to the English department; Julie Cohen, Kaitlin Carter, Corey Waters, Soledad Guzman-Salazar, Christina Chapman, David Phillips, and Beatriz Sampietro to the World Language department; Ilyse Rubin, Kurt von Sneidern, and Kasey Stratford to the Social

Studies department; Celeste Vaughan to the Guidance department; Julie Engel, Eleni Kourembanas, and Gregory Wolters to the Mathematics department; Crystal Cakounes to the Science department; Victoria Prince to the Alternative Education department; Susan Lacy to the Family and Consumer Science department; Joe LoRusso to the Physical Education department and the Learning Center; Kerin McAuliffe, Michelle McGreal, and Patricia Pampillonia to the Special Education department; and David Pignone as the Director of Athletics, Physical Education, and Health. Even with a decrease in the student population, there are more than 40 individual classes with an enrollment of 30+ students. In addition, the activity fee for athletics remains the same at $250 per student per sport with a $1000 family cap.

99% of the Class of 2007 met the MCAS graduation requirements for graduation. The class of 2008 has maintained a high record of achievement and a 100% benchmark is also within sight for them. We continue to offer MCAS Prep courses to help all students pass the MCAS test.

The town of Stoneham voted to appropriate $100,000 from the 2007 Foundation Reserve grant for the purpose of the acquisition of instructional technology hardware and software at Stoneham High School. This warrant article will allow Stoneham High School to purchase the following: 24 new computers in the library, 26 new computers in the research lab, a cart of 24 laptops that can be moved throughout the building for use in different classrooms, wireless access, and LCD projectors. Revitalization in other areas continues to enhance the campus at Stoneham High School. The Class of 1982 Beautification Committee has refurbished the front of Stoneham High School with help from Capone Landscaping. Cassidy Landscaping has also volunteered their time and efforts to beautify our front walkway. Also, new doors have been installed to the front of Stoneham High School.

Specific departmental reports outline other projects and achievements at Stoneham High School during 2007.

Unified Arts Department

Teachers from the Business Education Department hosted the annual job fair at the High School in conjunction with Chamber of Commerce.

Students worked with a new teacher and advisor to revamp the school's DECA program. The DECA conference conflicted with the High School's midterm exam period and students were unable to participate.

Students from the Child Development II class assisted in the local elementary schools as part of their coursework.

Students in the Culinary Arts classes hosted a series of luncheons for teachers and school personnel giving them a taste of restaurant experience.

English

Ninety-eight percent of Stoneham High School students passed the 10th grade English MCAS. Eighty-four percent performed at an advanced or proficient level. The State

rated Stoneham's performance in Language Arts as *Very High* with our improvement rating *On Target.*

Seventeen students took the Advanced Placement test in English. Ten students received the highest two scores of **4**-*Well Qualified* or **5**- *Extremely Well Qualified.*

Curriculum guides were updated for ninth grade English I and twelfth grade Advanced Placement/Honors English. Teachers also updated the syllabus for the twelfth grade Advanced Placement course in *English Literature and Composition* to satisfy the requirements for the College Board audit.

Professional development experiences for secondary teachers included training sessions in the use of the Prentice Hall Literature series, Advanced Placement Teaching Institutes, *What's New in Young Adult Literature*, and workshops focusing on the implementation of the *6 Trait Writing Program.*

Mathematics

Three new teachers were hired at the Stoneham High School.

The middle and high school math teams had successful seasons. The middle school is sponsored by the Stoneham Savings Bank and the high school by the Chamber of Commerce.

MCAS academy was successful. Students who participated in this program enhanced their mathematical skills for the MCAS exam.
Eight seniors took the Advanced Placement Calculus exam. Two students earned a five, one student earned a four and five students earned a score of three.

Special education and math teachers are together teaching classes of mathematics with students who struggle with math. This has enabled the teachers to coordinate curriculum more thoroughly and will hopefully help students to improve their MCAS scores.

Science

All science teachers attended the National Science Teachers Association Convention in Boston. Many attended workshops and were introduced to new technology for the classroom.

A new course was created, Topic in Biology, to deal with students who passed Biology but failed the MCAS Biology test.

New curriculum guides were written for AP Environmental Science, Topics in Biology, Meteorology, and Medical Science.

All Biology teachers attended a course on preparing for the Biology MCAS exam.

Biology teachers worked to revise biology curriculum to meet the demands of the Biology MCAS exam.

High school AP Biology class premiered the new laptop cart when working on the MIT Bioinformatics web lesson.

Biology students participated in the CSI program at the Museum of Science. They followed that up with the human body exhibit in the museum.

AP Biology students attended the MIT high school seminar where they attended lectures, visited labs and worked in the computer lab where they were shown the pilot of a new computer program on protein imaging.

Seven out of nine AP Physics students scored a three or above on the AP Physics Exam. Nine out of twenty one AP Biology students scored a three or above on the AP Biology Exam.

The first year Biology MCAS results had 91% of our students passing. There were 14 failures, 3 absent students and 1 classified LEP.

Health

Health teachers continued to revise curriculum to meet the ever changing focus of adolescent Health issues. Teachers used results from previous year's Youth at Risk Survey and current news topics as a basis for their research.

Health classes continued to invite guest speakers into the classroom.

A partnership with the Essex County Correctional Facility was formed and second semester Health students had a tour of the Middlesex House of Correction along with a talk from some of the inmates.

Health teachers worked with community activists in the SAAV program to promote student awareness of domestic violence.

Middle school Phys. Ed teachers put together a very minimal Health Education unit for their classes second semester.

Peer leaders continued their community service efforts both locally and abroad. The Santa letter project was successful in buying gifts for 24 needy families in the community. The Schools for Schools project was also successful, students raised over $500 for the Invisible children of Northern Uganda.

Peer leaders worked with the Phys. Ed department at the Middle School to provide some Health Education to the 6^{th}, 7^{th}, and 8^{th} grade classes.

A group of male peer leaders worked with Central Schools to provide mentoring to some at risk elementary school boys.

Several Peer leaders participated in panel discussions with groups of elementary school children under the guidance of a elementary school counselor.

Peer leaders participated in Youth Congress, running workshops for students from all over Massachusetts on the topic of cyberbullying.

Social Studies

During the past year, teachers in grades six through eleven continued developing lesson aligned with the *Massachusetts History and Social Science Framework* document.

Two hundred and sixty students participated in the National History Day competition at the fourth annual Stoneham High School history fair. Fourteen projects moved on to compete at the regional History Day competition in Winchester. Two exhibits were selected to participate in the state competition, each placing third in their respective divisions.

Professional Development experiences for secondary social studies teachers included coursework and workshops offered through: Research for Better Teaching, The Massachusetts Economic Council, Primary Source, Massachusetts Historical Society, Facing History and Ourselves, The Kennedy Library, the National Endowment for the Humanities and many local state and private colleges.

Twenty two students took the United States History AP exam and thirteen earned a score of 3 or better.

Sixty one seniors participated in the community service program, working as classroom aides, raising money for local and national charities, and donating their time to various community initiatives.

Foreign Language

9 students took the Advanced Placement test in Spanish. Three students received a 4, one student received a three, one student received a 2, and four students received a 1.

3 students took the French AP exam and received a 3.

8 students took the Italian AP exam. One student received a three, one student received a two, and six students received a one.

56 students took the National Latin Exam and 32 received awards:

Gold	13
Silver	10
Magna cum laud	3
Cum laude	6

The Italian and Spanish AP teachers updated a course syllabus for the AP audit.

The Italian teachers chose Ciao published by Houghton Mifflin to be piloted in Italian 1 at the High School for the 2008-2009 year.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Stoneham High Guidance Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Stoneham High Guidance Department is to work with students, faculty and families to promote learning, goal setting and the development of personal, social and civic responsibility in accord with the school and district goals. We believe that all students can be successful learners and should be aided in the development of a realistic future plan through career and college exploration and self-evaluation.

The goal of the Guidance Department is to assist each student in developing the academic, civic and social skills necessary to be healthy, responsible contributors to society. The major functions of the guidance department are educational, personal, college and career counseling, and group testing. The Guidance Department also oversees a Peer Mediation program.

System-wide Testing Results – Iowa Test of Basic Skills – 2008 Results

2nd Grade Reading

Students in grade two were administered the Iowa Reading Test. They scored slightly above grade level in all areas.
The following tables summarize the Grade Equivalent and Stanine scores

Grade Equivalent Scores

GRADE 2	VOCAB	COMP	TOTAL	WORD ANALYSIS	LISTENING	SPELLING	TOTAL
Test Date/Grade Level	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Actual G.E.	3.4	3.7	3.5	4.0	3.0	3.3	3.3
Difference	+.5	+.8	+.6	+1.1	+.1	+.4	+.4

Stanine Scores

In 2008, 36% of Stoneham 2nd graders scored in the top 3 stanines as opposed to 23% nationally.

STANINE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NATIONAL %	4	7	12	17	20	17	12	7	4
Vocabulary	1	1	6	11	23	17	20	10	10
Comprehension	0	2	3	9	20	15	24	14	14
Reading Total	1	1	3	13	19	18	22	17	7
Word Analysis	1	1	5	9	12	22	24	17	9
Listening	1	5	4	17	22	20	19	7	5
Spelling	1	3	7	8	20	5	14	23	19
Language Total	**1**	**3**	**7**	**11**	**16**	**27**	**9**	**20**	**7**

6th Grade – Iowa Battery – Language and Math

Stoneham 6th graders were given the Iowa Battery in Language and Math in fall 2008. The results showed Stoneham students performing at just a few months above grade level and slightly above the national average.
Stoneham sixth graders scored slightly below the national average in 3 areas:

Math Problem Solving – **1%**
Data Interpretation – **3%**
Math Computation – **4%**

One of the strategies the Middle School is utilizing to address the math scores in the Iowa and MCAS tests is to integrate all students into regular math classes. In the past, some students received math instruction from Special Education teachers.

The following tables summarize the Grade Equivalent and Stanine scores.

Grade Equivalent Scores

YEAR	TEST	GRADE EQUIVALENT	PERCENTILE
2008	Reading	6.6	57
2008	Language	6.7	57
2008	Math	6.2	51
2008	Survey Total	6.5	57

Stanine Scores

In 2008, 24% of Stoneham 6th graders scored in the top 3 stanines as opposed to 23% nationally.

STANINE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NATIONAL %	4	7	12	17	20	17	12	7	4
Reading	2	4	1	16	25	17	14	8	5
Language	4	7	7	13	23	20	15	7	5
Math	3	6	14	16	27	12	10	9	3
Total	3	3	6	18	24	22	18	2	4

National % in the Top 3 Stanines – 23%

TEST	2007-2008	2008-2009
Reading	23	27
Language	26	27
Math	19	22
Survey Total	24	24

Stoneham Public Schools – 2008 – MCAS Results

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's mandated state tests (MCAS) were administered to students in grades 3 through 10. The tests were given in spring 2008. The results, by percentage, are reported in the chart below.

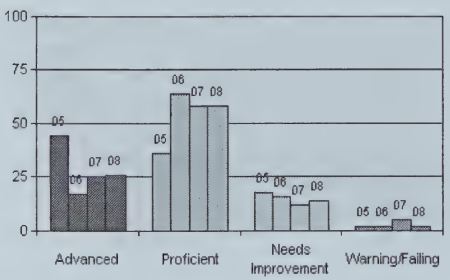
Grade and Subject	Advanced/ Above Proficient		Proficient		Needs Improvement		Warning/ Failing		Students Included	CPI
	DISTRICT	STATE	DISTRICT	STATE	DISTRICT	STATE	DISTRICT	STATE		
GRADE 03 - READING	18	15	42	41	33	33	7	11	218	84.6
GRADE 03 - MATH	24	25	41	36	22	25	13	14	218	83.7
GRADE 04 - ELA	8	8	43	41	37	39	12	13	202	78.6
GRADE 04 - MATH	15	20	24	29	48	38	13	13	202	74.3
GRADE 05 - ELA	16	13	54	48	24	30	6	8	201	86.7
GRADE 05 - MATH	22	22	31	30	31	30	15	17	202	77.2
GRADE 05 – SCI/TECH	24	17	43	33	27	38	6	12	202	85.9
GRADE 06 - ELA	11	15	58	52	24	24	7	8	205	86.1
GRADE 06 - MATH	15	23	35	33	31	26	19	18	204	73.8
GRADE 07 - ELA	9	12	58	57	27	23	6	8	212	87.0
GRADE 07 - MATH	6	15	31	32	39	29	24	24	214	66.5
GRADE 08 - ELA	13	12	69	63	12	18	6	7	201	90.9
GRADE 08 - MATH	20	19	36	30	28	27	18	24	200	76.4
GRADE 08 – SCI/TECH	3	3	45	36	36	39	17	22	200	74.4
GRADE 10 - ELA	26	23	58	51	14	21	2	4	195	93.8
GRADE 10 - MATH	41	43	34	29	20	19	6	9	194	89.4
GRADE 10 – SCI/TECH	19	14	53	43	23	31	5	12	190	87.9

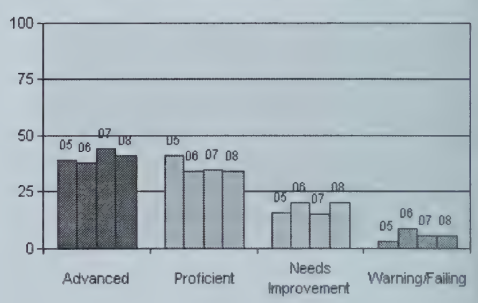
MCAS 2008 – Analysis of Results

Below is an overview of the 2008 MCAS test results for all Stoneham students. This includes all students in the district. The requirement of the federal ***No Child Left Behind*** law is that all students should be proficient in English/Language Arts and Math by 2014. The information reported here addresses whether we are making progress toward that goal **(% A/P)** and whether there have been improvements since the 2007 testing.

Grade Test	Change from 2007 Results	%A/P
Grade 3 Reading	5% more students in Advanced/Above Proficient and Proficient levels	60
Grade 3 Math	11% more students in Advanced/Above Proficient and Proficient levels	65
Grade 4 ELA	6% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient	51
Grade 4 Math	18% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient	39
Grade 5 ELA	3% more students reached Advanced or Proficient	70
Grade 5 Math	7% more students reached Advanced or Proficient	53
Grade 5 Sci/Tech	13% more students reached Advanced of Proficient.	67
Grade 6 ELA	3% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient	69
Grade 6 Math	7% more students reached Advanced or Proficient	50
Grade 7 ELA	8% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient	67
Grade 7 Math	13% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient	37
Grade 8 ELA	6% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient	82
Grade 8 Math	5% more students reached Advanced or Proficient	69
Grade 8 Sci/Tech	8% more students reached Advanced or Proficient	48
Grade 10 ELA	1% more students reached Advanced or Proficient	84
Grade 10 Math	4% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient	75
Grade 10 Biology	First year this test was reported – 95% passing	72

Comparison of Grade 10 MCAS results from 2005 - 2008





Testing and Future Planning

Tenth and Eleventh graders were offered career interest inventories and began the college exploration process through the Naviance program in the spring. All 11th graders planning to attend college were encouraged to take the PSAT in October. The College Entrance Examination Board Test is given to interested high school students at Stoneham High four times each year. 84% of the Class of 2008 took an SAT compared to 83% of the state and 45% of the nation.

SAT Results

The results of the Scholastic Aptitude Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board taken by Stoneham High School students in the class of 2008 were:

RANGE	CRITICAL READING	MATHEMATICS	WRITING
750 -- 800	0	0	0
700 -- 749	1	4	6
650 -- 699	7	16	4
600 -- 649	17	11	12
550 -- 599	15	18	20
500 -- 549	22	34	29
450 -- 499	38	32	33
400 -- 449	36	23	31
350 -- 399	13	12	16
300 -- 349	4	4	2
250 -- 299	1	2	2
200 -- 249	2	0	1

Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores – Class of 2008

	STONEHAM	MASSACHUSETTS	NATIONAL
CRITICAL READING	486	514	502
MATHEMATICS	507	525	515
WRITING	492	513	494

AP Testing Program

Below are the results of the 2008 AP Testing Program for SHS students.

In 2008, 58 students, including 22 juniors, took one or more AP tests. In all, 94 tests were administered. The 36 seniors who took AP tests represent 19% of the class of 2008.

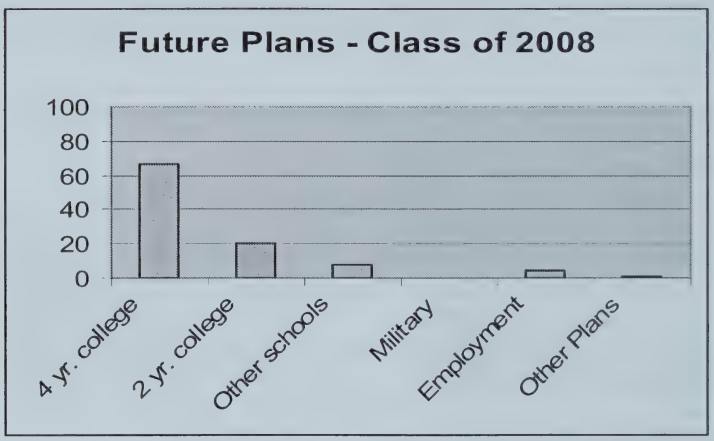
Over 70% the students taking Calculus, English Lit/Comp, French, Physics, and U.S. History earned scores of 3, 4 or 5.

Summary of Advanced Placement Scores

	# of students in each score category					*AP Scores*		
SUBJECT	***5***	***4***	***3***	***2***	***1***	***TOTAL TESTS***	***% SCORING 3 – 4 - 5***	***GLOBAL GROUP***
Biology	3	3	3	8	4	21	43	50
Calculus AB	2	1	5	0	0	8	100	61
Engl/Lit/Comp	1	9	6	0	1	17	94	60
French	0	0	3	0	0	3	100	58
Italian	0	0	1	1	6	8	13	51
Physics B	0	4	4	1	1	10	80	61
Spanish	0	3	1	1	4	9	44	69
U.S. History	0	5	8	5	0	18	72	48
Total:Each Category	6	25	31	16	16	94	66	

The Guidance Department's mission encompasses much more than testing. Counselors present classroom lessons to students in grades 9 – 12 on transition, graduation requirements, understanding their transcripts, scheduling and future planning. Evening programs are held for students and their parents in 8th, 11th and 12th grades. These evening meetings cover transition to the high school, future planning, the college application process and financial aid. The guidance staff, teachers and administrators function as an effective team assisting students in post-secondary planning. The follow-up report of the future plans of the members of the Class of 2008 is shown below:

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES	67.0%
TWO-YEAR REGIONALLY ACCREDITED COLLEGES	20.0%
OTHER SCHOOLS	8.0%
SERVICE	0.0%
EMPLOYED	4.0%
OTHER PLANS	<1.0%
TOTAL	100.0%



K-12 School Technology Services

The October 2007 Special Town Meeting approved a $100,000 warrant article for new computers at the High School. Fifty computers were installed in the library and research lab, and a wireless, mobile cart of 24 laptops was purchased for use throughout the building. The building's technology infrastructure was also improved at this time. The upgrades were in response to the 2006 accreditation report from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

A system-wide web page resides online at www.stonehamschools.net. This is a work in progress that is developed and updated by schools and departments. Our technology web

page hosts video-on-demand programs for playback on the web and other technology related information.

Many of our school computers are getting on in years as most systems were installed at the time of the elementary school construction projects. Upgrade and/or replacement of computer systems for administration, students and staff remain a concern. Technology staffing remains at the same level despite additional repairs of old equipment and the addition of donated computers requiring rebuild and upgrades.

There is increased staff interest in technology in-service programs and increased software for all subjects and grade levels. Technology needs funding to provide teacher training, support staff and software, along with the purchase of new computers.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The primary responsibilities of the Special Education Department include: (1) evaluating and assessing referred children to determine if they meet the criteria for special education services, (2) developing individualized educational plans (IEP's) to meet students' identified needs, (3) providing special education services as indicated through the students' IEP's, and, (4) periodic re-evaluation and review of student progress. Specialized education is provided to students who are determined to have one of the following areas of disability, and whose disability is significantly impacting their ability to make effective progress in school:

Autism, Developmental Delay, Intellectual Impairment, Sensory Impairment (Hearing, Vision and/or Deaf-Blind), Neurological Impairment, Emotional Impairment, Communication Impairment, Physical Impairment, Health Impairment, and Specific Learning Disability

The Special Education Department adheres to the rules and policies as determined by state (Chapter 766) and federal (IDEA) laws governing the education of students with special education needs. Under these laws, schools are mandated to provide services required to assist eligible children between the ages of three and twenty-two in receiving a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive educational environment. In addition, early screening and evaluation procedures to determine eligibility for services can occur as early as two and a half years of age.

Regular education and special education personnel continue to collaborate through building-based Child Study or Teacher Assistance Teams. This process, under the direction of building Principals, can lead to modifications and accommodations of students' educational programs without the need for a referral to special education. Child Study Teams examine concerns regarding student performance, strategies which have been implemented to date and make suggestions for further strategies which could be implemented by regular education personnel. Special educators can be actively involved in the process including conducting structured observations of typical areas of difficulty and consulting with regular education staff.

Stoneham Public Schools offers a continuum of special education services along the least restrictive environment principle. According to this guiding principle, attempts are made to maintain students as much as possible in regular education activities with supports

before other options are considered. Special education personnel will often provide individualized assistance to students within their regular education classrooms as well as providing specialized instruction outside of the classroom.

Another variation of this principle is provided through co-taught classrooms, where regular and special education teachers collaborate on group activities for the entire classroom. Such classrooms are typically assigned a cluster of special education students with constant academic support needs. This model enables supports to be provided in a normalizing social and academic context which minimizes stigmatization of the special education students. It also enables staff to provide differentiated instruction to students with a range of academic skills. The collaborative efforts of regular and special educational teaching staff offer complementary skills to meeting the needs of their students.

In addition to special education teaching staff, related support service personnel also provide assistance to students both within regular classroom settings as well as outside of classrooms. Such specialists include the areas of speech and language, hearing, vision, physical and occupational therapies and adaptive physical education. All personnel work within an interdisciplinary approach to maximize effectiveness in accomplishing identified goals and objectives. Such an approach requires consultation among staff and participating in common planning activities.

Stoneham Public Schools also operates more specialized program models. These models typically serve children with intensive disabilities and support needs. Irrespective of a child's profile, efforts are occurring constantly to identify opportunities for inclusion in activities with regular education students. Such opportunities vary for each child based on their ability to meet expectations in group routines with adult supports that are provided.

The full continuum of special education services is also available to prekindergarten children beginning at 3 years of age. The Stoneham school district engages in proactive child find screening and evaluation activities to identify children who can exhibit an educational disability at an early age. Personnel work closely with early intervention service providers to accomplish a smooth transition of services at 3 years of age.

During the 2007-08 academic year, Stoneham Public Schools has maintained memberships with the SEEM and Merrimack Education Collaboratives. These organizations are partnerships among a group of communities to provide cost-effective programs for low incidence student populations who typically present with the most intensive support needs. The Collaboratives also provide specialized contractual services to support Stoneham within-district programs as well as ongoing professional development activities.

The Special Education Department continually evaluates its program models in an effort to plan and implement programs which best meets the needs of its special education student population.

A child count is conducted for federal reporting requirements on October 1st of each year. On October 1st, 2007, the Stoneham school district identified 532 students receiving

special education support services. This total includes students who are of prekindergarten age.

As of June 23rd, 2008, the Stoneham school district had 66 severe needs students placed into out-of-district educational programs. Of this total, 26 students attended private school programs and 40 students attended programs operated by educational collaboratives (formed by partnerships among school districts). Student progress is monitored closely to determine if they are appropriate candidates who can meet the expectations of within-district programs that are available.

School Health Services

The District is served by 6.0 FTE school nurses. In addition to routine first aid and the assessment and treatment of ill students, the nurses are responsible for all student health records and state mandated health programs. Further, the nurses are responsible for creating and maintaining individual health care plans for children with chronic medical needs.

This year the nurses conducted vision and hearing screenings for approximately 3100 students, postural screening for approximately 800 students. They administered medications according to school policy and checked student health records for both compliance and follow up of all student immunizations. The School Nurse reports quarterly school health statistics to the Department of Public Health.

The School Nurse implements the food allergy and emergency training protocol and provides Epi Pen training to the staff.

Preschool classes, including special needs students attending South and Colonial Park Schools this year, have been screened according to law. The nurses participated with the special education team, whenever necessary, for children with medical needs.

The school nurses provide emergency care for both ill and injured students, and staff. All health teaching is done by the School nurse in grades K-5. The Middle School Nurse coordinates the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Jump Up and Go Program to teach middle school students healthy eating habits. The High School Nurse is responsible for training health related issues to the coaching staff and teaching students the tobacco cessation program.

The nurses served as a resource for the school staff by providing monitoring and counseling for health related issues, and also by providing health education services.

Dr. Marc Pifko serves as school physician for the Stoneham Public Schools and as a medical resource for the nursing staff.

The school nurses assisted with the town-wide Flu Clinic held in October and also offered the flu vaccine to school employees at the various schools.

Our school nurses serve as a resource and provide an important additional link to the community, whether the linkage is to support a parent with an ill child, to answer health related questions, or to assist the Board of Health with community immunizations. The

working relationship between the school nurses and the Board of Health nurses has continued to be of the highest quality. This strong working relationship has provided a strong benefit to the town and the schools. The School Nurses are active in working with and making referrals to the Winchester Hospital CHAMPS Program for Asthma students.

Our school nurses act as preceptors and teachers to nursing students from Salem State College and the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. The Stoneham School Nurses provide Staff and Nurses from the surrounding cities and towns with current professional development on such subjects as Asthma, Obesity, and Melanoma etc.

The School Department is also a partner in the Chelsea Health Grant. In the past, this affiliation has allowed Stoneham Public Schools to purchase new computers, printers and software for every school nurse's office. It has also provided for training of school nurses and the purchase of some nursing supplies.

The Stoneham School Nurses are required to continue their Education on the latest development in Medicine and Technology to enhance the care of their students.

FINE ARTS

Music

The Band, Choral and Jazz groups from Stoneham High School and Stoneham Middle School presented their annual concerts in both the Winter and Spring seasons. In addition, the SHS groups gave memorable performances at Carnival Ball in March.

Stoneham was once again represented at the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Northeast District and All-State Festivals. Senior Band member Kevin Price was a top-scoring clarinetist at the District level and was also accepted to the All-State Festival held in Boston in March. In addition, Kevin was awarded a merit scholarship from the Northeast District.

From the Chorale, senior soprano Mary Rora and freshman alto Alison Gould were members of the Northeast District High School Festival Chorus. Michael Rora, a freshman tenor, was a member of the District Junior High Festival Chorus.

Two seniors from the SHS music groups were accepted to continue their education in music school. Jordan Howard, a member of the Jazz Ensemble, was accepted to the Berklee College of Music while Kevin Price gained acceptance to the Boston Conservatory of Music.

The annual musical was "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

Bob Lague retired from 40 years of teaching in Massachusetts Public Schools, including several years as Director of Fine Arts in Stoneham. In addition, Bob received a "Most Valuable Teacher" award from the Boston Red Sox on July 26th. Bob also continues to work on the Northeastern District Board of MMEA. He will be the accompanist for a Junior District Chorus in March.

Art

Three art students won Scholastic Art Awards in the 2008 competition. Brian Gendall, grade 9, won a Gold Key for a hand colored etching. Kimberly Ames, grade 12, won a silver Key for a self-portrait charcoal drawing. Ina Karaxha, grade 9, won an Honorable Mention for a still life charcoal drawing. All three students participated in the presentation ceremony in Boston.

The Art Department hosted a Faculty High School Art Show in the high school lobby. A variety of two and three-dimensional artwork were created by faculty from various departments. Two additional exhibits were held, one at the Stoneham Library and the other one at the Stoneham Theatre's gallery space. Exemplary works produced by art students from grades 6-12 were featured at both exhibitions.

SHS Art teacher Jessica Swegel was selected to design and create one of the Massachusetts Christmas Ornaments for the 2008 White House Christmas Tree. The theme was "The American Spirit of Each State." After designing the ornament Ms. Swegel was invited to the White House for an artist reception with First Lady Laura Bush.

Physical Education and Athletics

The Physical Education and Athletic Department conducts a variety of programs including, but not limited to, required Physical Education, Adaptive Physical Education, and an Interscholastic Athletic program. These programs were planned with attention to equal access to program offerings and facilities.

The Physical Education Department presently employs a total of 8.2 physical education teachers:

- 2.2 for the high school - 2 full-time
- 3.0 for the middle school - 3 full-time
- 3.0 for the elementary schools -3 full-time (1 adaptive P.E.)

Our physical education teachers and one adaptive physical education teacher, grades K-12, follow the physical education curriculum and present the proper physical conditioning for appropriate activities as well as teach skills in a safe and sequential manner.

The current fitness testing program consists of the following:

- Screening test - grades K, 1, & 2
- Youth physical fitness test-grades 4, 5, 7, & 8
- Health-related test - grades 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, &12

Our objective is to combine assessment of our fitness program with practical follow-up on why and how to stay fit for a lifetime. During the past year, 60% of the students passed the above fitness tests.

Postural screening for students in grades 5 through 9 and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes for all grades 6 through 9 students were effectively conducted. Also, an

adaptive physical education program that serviced the special physical needs of some students continued with measurable success.

Our athletic program is made up of 22 varsity interscholastic sports, 12 sports for the girls' program and 10 sports for the boys' program. In addition, there are fall and winter cheerleading squads. In total, there are 41 high school squads including freshman, junior varsity and varsity. The overall goal of the athletic program at Stoneham High School is to provide equal opportunity for all student-athletes to reach their full potential as members of competitive teams. Each sport and each level of participation has specific goals and objectives which fit into the framework of the athletic program.

During the past 2007-2008 school year, 806 slots were filled by participants in our sports program (fall - winter - spring). In our senior class of 187 students, 84 students played a sport in their senior year (45% of the senior class involved in at least one sport their Senior year). 140 students participated in at least one sport in their 4 year career at Stoneham High School; at 75% this number is pretty impressive.

2007-2008 Major Accomplishments

In the fall, Girls cross county Ali Simeone won the state Coaches Invitational (11thand 12th grade) and qualified for the all-state meet for the 2nd year in a row. Field Hockey won their first game in three years on Sept. 20th vs. Burlington. Golf beat the undefeated Lexington team and finished 2nd in the M.L. The team qualified for the state Tourney. Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer qualified for the state tournament and Our Swim team finished with a winning record in the Middlesex League. Gymnastics finished the season with a 6and 1 record good for 2nd place in the League. Taylor see scored a perfect 10 on the Beam.

In the winter, Girls Track team had two Div. 3 state champs; Christina Izzicupo in the 300 meter and Ali Simeone in the 2 mile. Christina was named the M.L. MVP for the third year in a row. Boys track finished 3rd in 'Class C State Relays. Girls hoop qualified for the State Tournament.

In the spring, Baseball qualified for the Tournament and won their first round. Softball finished season 16-4 giving them the #5 seed in the state tournament where they advanced to the Div.2 north semi-finals. Boys and Girls Outdoor Track qualified for the state tournaments both teams finishing with 7-2 records. The boys finished 3rd at state relays and the girls have the M.L. MVP in Christina Izzicupo.

Safety - Acknowledgements

Safety is an important part of our athletic program. The major items listed below are some of the highlights insuring the health and welfare of our student-athletes:

- students were equipped well for personal safety
- our equipment received proper maintenance
- our trainers from Advantage provided excellent medical support to our students
- our school physician, Dr. Pifko, and the school nurses screened and cared for the physical health of our athletes

- school maintenance workers gave careful attention to the condition of our fields for practices and games
- A cell phone and walkie-talkie communication system and emergency plan system is in place for the care of athletic injuries and emergencies. Our Athletic trainers are always equipped with a difibulator as well as being one in the gym lobby and one in the main entrance lobby.

Athletic Department - Acknowledgements

The maintenance department worked diligently to keep up our athletic facilities both indoor and out.

The Stoneham Booster Club supported the Athletic Program through funding of awards and three banquets (fall, winter, spring).

The youth programs around town all pitch in one way or another to help keep our athletic program afloat. For example, Football, baseball and softball held future Spartan events at our home games to bring in the support of our community. Most if not all youth programs are working very hard to help keep athletics alive and well in town and most have made donations in one way or another.

Sport	Year	Athletes	Won	Lost	Tied	Coach	Season
Cheerleading – Fall	07-08	15				Eileen DiLisio	Fall
Cross Country (B)	07-08	19	3	6		Phil Riley	Fall
Cross Country (G)	07-08	11	2	7		Kevin Norton	Fall
Field Hockey (V/JV)	07-08	26	2	14	2	Anna Dobbins	Fall
Football (V/JV/F)	07-08	73	1	10		Bob Powers	Fall
Golf	07-08	10	9	5		Bill Seabury	Fall
Soccer (B) (V/JV/F)	07-08	49	9	6	3	Jim Carino	Fall
Soccer (G) (V/JV/F)	07-08	53	6	6	6	Sharon Chapman	Fall
Swimming	07-08	25	4	4	4	Chris Collins	Fall
Volleyball (V/JV)	07-08	28	3	17		Michelle Davison	Fall
Basketball (B) (V/JV/F)	07-08	37	3	17		Bill Killilea	Winter
Basketball (G) (V/JV/F)	07-08	26	10	10		Angela Billings	Winter
Cheerleading – Winter	07-08	20				Connie Mojica	Winter
Gymnastics	07-08	15	6	1		Annemarie McNeil	Winter
Ice Hockey (B) (V/JV)	07-08	33	7	10	3	Bill Seabury	Winter
Ice Hockey (G) (V/JV)	07-08	14	2	17	1	Joann Marrone	Winter
Track – Winter (B)	07-08	62	2	7		Bob Powers	Winter
Track – Winter (G)	07-08	46	5	4		Kevin Norton	Winter
Baseball (V/JV/F)	07-08	42	4	16		Bill Seabury	Spring
Softball (V/JV)	07-08	27	14	6		Tom Johnson	Spring
Tennis (B)	07-08	8	6	13		Chris Sweeney	Spring
Tennis (G)	07-08	17	7	13		Sarah Smith	Spring
Track Spring (B)	07-08	82	7	2		Bob Powers	Spring
Track – Spring (G)	07-08	68	7	2		Jerry Bailey	Spring
Total Participation 0708		**806**					

Graduates...Class of 2008

Juana Daynir Acevedo Burgos
Julie Elizabeth Albiani
Ryan A. Alfonso
Shaddi Ali
Blaise Vincent Aliberti
Kimberly Ann Ames
Darren Charles Ansbigian
Evan M. Antonucci
Sarah Marie Arrington
Miranda Aufiero
Samuel C. Awezec
Rebecca Leah Baldassari
Andrew Barbato
Melanie D. Barrineau
Sara A. Bassett
Cameron Sebastian Beard
Emily Louise Beebe
Marc Joseph Blanchet
Victoria Leigh Blyde
Nathaniel Boardman
Stephen A. Bradley
Sean P. Brennan
Daniel Bennett Brenton
Matthew A. Brown
Stephanie A. Brown
Amanda J. Buckley
Eric C. Buckley
Maria A. Buonopane
Deirdre Johanna Burke
Joseph W. Butts
Anthony Capone
Scott Thomas Carchide
Charlene J. Cashman
Michael A. Caswell
Keith M. Cataldo
Jeremy John Cefalo
Dianne Carla Cerulli
Nicholas Aaron Chaves
Angelo Anthony Colucci
Kelli F. Conroy
Kelsey T. Corbett
Christopher Ernest Corricelli
Matthew Lee Crawford
Megan Caroline Cunningham
Marcello Cutone
Nicholas Anthony D'Alfonso
Nicole Joy Dalamangas
Alayna K. Davies
Brittnie L. Davies
Brianna Eileen Dawson
Marc Richard DeAngelo
Justin Lee DeCicco
Robert Mark DeCrescenzo, Jr.
Steven Anthony DeTeso
Cory Steven Eric Devaney
Kaitlin E. Donlon
Kristine Ann Donovan
Allison Marie Doody
Alex Raymond Doucette
Danielle Heather Doucette
Arianna Drane
James Dunne
Danielle M. Eagleston
Brendan J. Epolito
Dustin Paul Feldman
Scott Ethan Fixman

Graduates...Class of 2008

Alejandro Flores
Christina Fodera
Andrew James Frederick
Jean Elizabeth Gallagher
Christopher Paul Gardner
Paul J. Gerry, III
Annalisa Giglio
David A. Goldfarb
Laura J. Graczyk
Juliana Green
Melissa Rose Gregory
Gretchen Nicole Grossheim
Ryan Thomas Guild
Dena Marie Hallisey
Matthew A. Hadley
Gerard Edward Harrington
Lillian Ashley Harvie
Geoffrey Alexander Hong
Maura Elizabeth Houghton
Jordan Russell Howard
Rebecca May Hughes
Timothy James Hurley
Stephen D. Igbeka
Victoria B. Iovanni
Christina M. Izzicupo
Robert M. Johnson
Steven M. Keith
Meaghan Myers Kelley
Alison Christine Kelly
Cameron R. Kelly
Georgette E. Kelly
Ryan James Kelly
Michael F. Kilbride
Max Charles Kirchner
Randy Walter Kusnierz
Terence Timothy Landers, Jr.
Timothy M. Lee
Christina Marie Lembo
Nikki M. Liston
Kerryn Lee Ludwig
John Allen Luther, III
Lorne Lynch
Victor Magaletta
Katie A. Maillett
Lindsay Marie Manfra
Daniel Marchant
John G. Mattie, Jr.
Christopher R. McCarthy
Kelly Ann McCarthy
Jenna V. Melkonian
Natalia E. Mira
Amon P. Mohammadi
Roy Monson
Vincent Mark Morano
William Paul Moriarty
Lindsay Ann Morrissey
Jennifer Brownell Morton
Jenna Motta
Ashley McDermott Mulvanity
Andrew Murphy
Daniel J. Murphy
Nicholas Napier
Joseph F. Nesbit
Danielle Nicholas
Shannon M. O'Connor
Michael B. O'Neil

Graduates...Class of 2008

Daniel Joseph O'Quinn
Silvia M. Oliva
Kelly Anne Olsen
Jamie Lee Palmieri
Alisha MarieRose Panariti
Joseph M. Penney
Jeremy William Peters
Jasmine Ngo Pham
Steven G. Piro
Matthew J. Pitts
Miles D. Plant
Devin Robert Plummer
Craig P. Polizzi
Andrew E. Powers
Jessey J. Previlon
Kevin M. Price
Christopher Puglia
Krissta R. Purington
David A. Quigley
Jillian Elizabeth Ragucci
Kaila H. Rello
Adam Hamilton Reynolds
Adrian Rivas
Derrick Michael Roberts
Gabriel R. Rodriguez
Gianna L. Rolli
Mary Kathryn Rora
Michael Stephen Rora
William J. Saideh
Margaret P. Saltzman
Cristina R. Salvo
Michael D. Sarmanian
Taylor See
Stephen Anthony Sheldon
Elizabeth A. Silva
Alicia Silvestri
Daniel Sodergren
Ariana J. Spagnuolo
Matthew Stefanelli
Cassie T. Stockbridge
Raisa Stockbridge
Catherine R. Sudano
Emily Ann Swanson
Dave Tamayo
Joseph Tamburrini
Gia Teneriello
Christopher Theobald
James Torres
Matthew Trakimas
Kimberly M. Trant
Phaidra Helen Tsampas
Kevin Tse
Sergio L. Villagran
Donald F. Wall
Mikaela E. Walsh
Katelyn A. Welch
Kelly A. White
Ashley P. Winsor
Lisa M. Winsor
Evan F. Yandle
Alexandra B. Yerxa
Margaret O. Zoladkowski

National Honor Society
Honors Group

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Department of Public Works is now operating with a total complement of 29 full time positions, of which 27 are currently filled. This includes Engineering and Administrative personnel as well as Water, Sewer, Highway, Cemetery, and Equipment Maintenance staffing. As noted in recent years, our current complement of employees necessitates the "privatization" of more aspects of our operation.

In 1981 there were 67 full time employees in the Department. Today's complement of 29 employees is not nearly enough to adequately and safely maintain the Town and its infrastructure while addressing everyday issues. For example, 20 employees are entrusted with the everyday maintenance of over 80 miles of sanitary sewer piping and water mains, storm drainage, and roadways.

As a result of this personnel shortage, nearly all of our tree work including regular maintenance and emergency removal; most of our sidewalk resurfacing and/or replacement; and most of our water main installations/replacements are accomplished by private contractors. This movement towards "privatization" leaves the Town shorthanded when confronted with emergencies such as hurricanes or major snowstorms. In order to provide adequate plowing services, additional contractors must be hired.

The Department is directly involved in the Town's recycling program. The drop-off center and leaf programs were very active and successful. In order to better serve the residents, seven curbside leaf pickups were scheduled during the spring and fall and a Christmas tree pick-up in early January. Excess yard waste has accumulated in the Town's recycling center due to budgetary constraints. This year $50,000 was spent in an effort to reduce this surplus yard waste at the Stevens Street Recycling Center. Curbside recycling participation has been exceptional. A book drop off has been added to the Stevens Street Recycling Center. In 2008, there was no trash fee adopted.

Once again, the Department took advantage of the State offered inmate work/release program. Several weeks of work were performed by this group, including grass mowing, leaf raking and general cleanup of the cemetery. This program has proven to be a valuable supplement to the depleted D.P.W. forces. However, due to increasing demand by other communities, obtaining this help is becoming more difficult each year.

ENGINEERING

Working under the direction and guidance of the Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Engineering plans and supervises the diverse activities performed by the Public Works Department. The activities range from trench and pothole repair to roadway paving supervision, to sign installation and replacement, to water main replacement and sanitary sewer and storm drainage design, to assessing and selecting locations for new trees, to cemetery roadway and plot planning, construction and plot layout, to contract and bid specification writing, site plan and subdivision review with associated surety need estimates and subsequent updates. This division also oversees the planning, design, construction, and renovation of the many miles of water, sewer, and storm drainage

piping within the Town's distribution and collection systems; the 70 mile plus roadway network; and the maintenance of virtually every Town building (excluding schools) and various properties under the control of the Department of Public Works. In addition, Engineering serves as a consultant to virtually every Town department and committee.

Engineering is also responsible for the maintenance, upgrading and updating of the multitude of plans and records kept by the Department. Scaled drawings and field sketches indicating the age, type and location of virtually every sewer and water main, and each service connection, as well as the related pumping stations and appurtenances, are maintained and updated so as to provide all necessary information on short notice.

Engineering is becoming more involved in computer technology. All water and sewer service sketches are scanned into the computer system. Drafting of plans is being accomplished by way of a computer-based program. In addition, our department is assisting with updating the geographic information system to make it of use to the Town's many departments.

During the year, the Division prepared bidding documents, solicited bids and evaluated proposals for 13 different contracts. Over 55 proposals for various equipment, materials, services and construction contracts were received, considered and recommendations for award or rejection rendered. In December, a silent auction was held to dispose of obsolete equipment.

The Board of Selectmen forwarded 11 significant new or revised site plans for our review and evaluation during 2008. Considerable time was expended reviewing plans for projects at Redstone Plaza on Main Street, 41 Elm Street (revised) and 250 Main Street (Exxon-Mobil). The Planning Board requested our input regarding four subdivisions consisting of more than 20 lots.

Every subdivision plan submitted to the Planning Board is thoroughly reviewed in terms of roadway design, utility design, street light locations, conformity to other various regulations, as well as the overall impact of the development on local neighborhoods. Considerable time was expended reviewing plans for projects at Schiappa Circle, Stella Way, Carmella Drive and Azalea Drive. Once a subdivision plan is approved and the developer is ready to initiate construction, Engineering calculates the amount of surety required to ensure the ultimate completion of the subdivision. For each subdivision, several surety adjustment recommendations must be made during the course of construction and prior to final release. In addition, Engineering is responsible for the daily inspection of all ongoing roadway and utility work being performed in the various subdivisions and at construction sites, as well as the final inspection of each subdivision and the development of a punch list for completion prior to the final surety release.

As of November 1, 2000, the Town of Stoneham purchased the 1560 streetlights in Town from NStar (formerly Boston Edison Company). Upgrades, additions, and repairs are now performed by way of a contract with Wakefield Municipal Light Department. Nearly all maintenance issues are resolved in a timely fashion, the exception being problems with direct bury wiring from the early 1980's. Trenching and conduit installation to repair several longstanding outages will be accomplished as funding allows.

The Cross Connection Control program was initiated in 1992 in order to comply with the applicable provisions of Public Law 93-523, the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974; and Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR, Section 22.22, Protection of Sources of Water. Sigma Water Safety, Inc. (Formerly Beta Programs International, Inc.) is providing continuing building surveying, device testing and computer services.

Acting in their capacity as consultants, the Engineers are continuously called upon to assist in the development and review of the plans for the many specialized projects undertaken by the Town.

Engineering continues working with and administering the contracts of various consulting engineering firms. Among the consulting firms are:

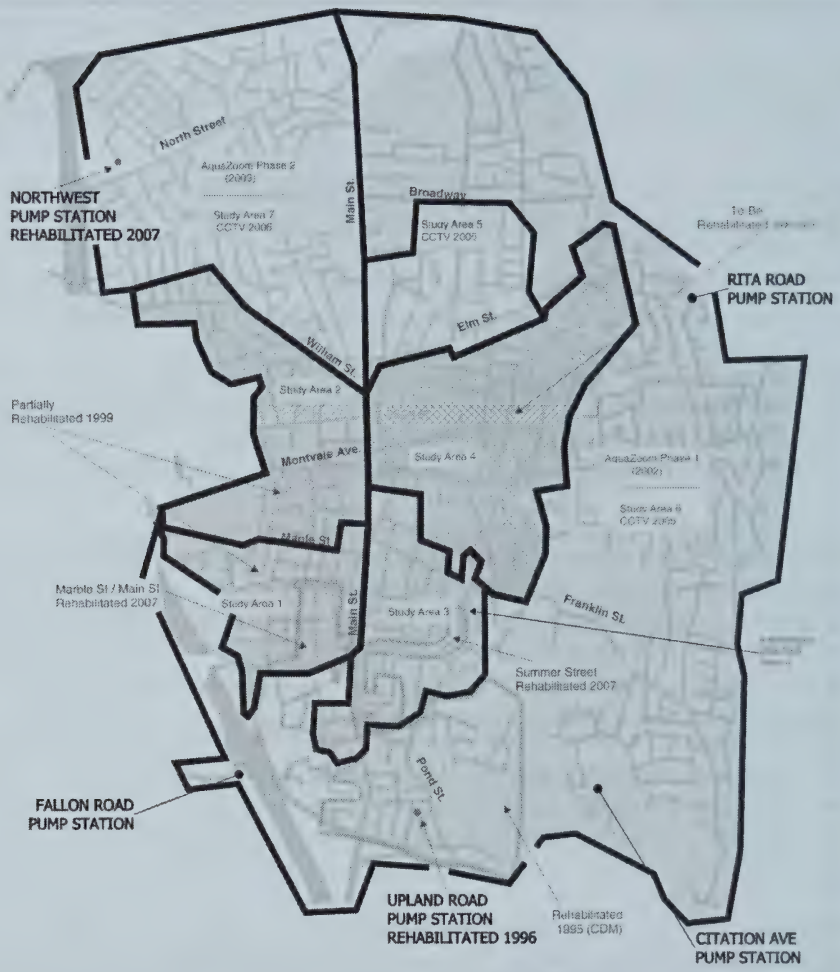
1. Sigma Water Safety, Inc. (Cross Connection Control)
2. Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. (Sewer System Evaluation and Improvements)
3. Tremco Roofing (Roof Evaluations)
4. Water & Waste Pipe Testing (water leak detection survey)
5. Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Inc. (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit); drainage improvement study
6. Crossfield Engineering, Inc. (Library Heating System Replacement)

During 2008, sewer rehabilitation work was completed in study area three (3) as shown on the following page. Work included open cut repairs, full lining in sections of sewer main (manhole to manhole), and manhole lining. The sewer system rehabilitation work has been very successful in reducing infiltration and inflow in the Town's sewer system.

Work anticipated for 2009 or future years includes the following (Please refer to map on next page for study area boundaries and pump station locations):

A. Design and bid phase 4 (Study area 4 on map) rehabilitation.
B. Sewer rehabilitation construction in study area four (4).
C. Citation Avenue pump station rehabilitation construction.
D. Fallon Road pump station rehabilitation construction.

In addition to the sewer rehabilitation work listed above, the sewer main on Sullivan Circle was almost entirely replaced. The soil has settled significantly in this area. Town records indicate that this area may have been part of the Town's dump many years ago.



Town of Stoneham, MA
Infrastructure Maintenance Management Program
AquaZoom, CCTV and Sewer Rehabilitation
Project Areas

MISCELLANEOUS WORK

1. Winterize hydrants
2. Sewer flushing program, continuous critical area inspection
3. Install and remove Christmas lights/decorations
4. Repair and fill sand barrels
5. Rake and pick up leaves from Town properties
6. Shade tree program
7. Remote water reader(ARB) installation / Water meter replacement program
8. Weekly recycling program
9. Water main flushing program
10. Clean sump chambers at pumping stations
11. Seasonally change decorative banners along Main Street
12. Replace or repair defective hydrants as necessary.
14. Replace damaged and/or missing regulatory and street signs. Add signs as needed.
15. Replace street signs to meet new size criteria.
16. Clearing critical catch basin grates.
17. Emergency replacement of the traffic control box at the intersection of Park and Marble Streets.
18. Christmas light installation on the Main Street Town shade trees.

HIGHWAY

Paving by a Town Contractor during 2008

Cold planning and paving was provided by D&R Paving of Stoneham MA. The following streets or portions thereof were excavated by cold planer and resurfaced by D&R Paving during 2008:

1. Elaine Road
2. Wagner Road
3. Flint Ave
4. Wright Street
5. Hancock Street
6. Spring Street
7. Bow Street Court
8. Warren Street

HIGHWAY

Paving by a Private Contractors during 2008

1. Schiappa Circle - Binder Course
2. Crystal Drive- NSTAR paved for Town through mutual agreement
3. Greg Road - NSTAR paved for Town through mutual agreement

SHADE TREE PROGRAM

Lack of funding resulted in a reduction in the number of trees purchased and planted during 2008. Hopefully more money will be available in the future to expand this popular program. Only two trees were planted during 2008.

SIDEWALK UPGRADING

by a Town Contractor during 2008

Funding was inadequate for addressing the extensive list of sidewalk issues that have been accumulating for several years. Chapter 90 funds were short-lived as the price of liquid asphalt reached all time highs. As a result, sidewalk replacement/resurfacing was limited. Sidewalk improvements were conducted by Town forces as well as one contractor, D&R General Contracting of Stoneham (for bituminous concrete).

Bituminous (hot top) concrete sidewalk work was performed on the following street:

1. Wright Street

CATCH BASIN CLEANING

Approximately 2,000 catch basins and drain manholes were cleaned by Truax Corporation, Lakeville, Massachusetts. The key to a trouble-free drainage system is the timely sweeping of all streets in early spring, followed immediately by the cleaning of all catch basins to remove winter sand and other debris. Due to fiscal constraints, sweeping services were provided only by our own sweeper, thus extending the time to complete the project. Experience has shown that it is much easier to remove foreign materials from street surfaces and catch basins than it is from storm drainage piping. A well-timed program minimizes flooding in streets and on private property by keeping the storm drainage system free of sand and debris.

TRAFFIC LINE PAINTING AND SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

1. Hi-Way Safety Systems, Inc. of Hanover, Massachusetts, provided traffic line, word, and symbol painting.
2. Electric Light Company, Inc. of Cape Neddick, Maine provided Traffic signal maintenance.

WATER CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN/CONTRACTOR

	STREET	SIZE	LENGTH	GATES	HYDRANTS
1	Essex Street	8"	583'	5	1
2	Berkley Street	8"	474'	7	1
3	Greenway Circle	8"	823'	1	1
4	Orchard Place	4"	204'	1	0

This work is essential to provide clean drinking water for the Town and also to supply adequate fire protection.

DRAIN CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN CONTRACTOR

A drainage study was conducted by our engineering consultants Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC in February of 2007. There were two (2) areas included in the study, MacArthur Road and Spring Street/East Street. These areas have a history of flooding during major rain events. The two (2) areas were further broken down into mitigation phases. For the Spring/East Street area there are three (3) mitigation phases. The phases are as follows:

1) Phase One - Install an entirely new drainage system on Spring Street, from Spring Lane to Cardinal Road.
2) Phase Two - Install an entirely new drainage system on East Street, from Cherry Avenue to Cardinal Road.
3) Phase Three - Install an entirely new drainage system on Cardinal Road, from Spring Street to the end of Cardinal Road.

During the summer of 2008, mitigation phase one (1) was completed by Joseph P. Cardillo and Son Inc., following public bidding. The project included installation of primarily 30 inch pipe installed at depths ranging from 5 feet to 17 feet from the roadway surface. A member of the Engineering Department acted as the Resident Engineer on the project, saving the Town approximately $20,000 in consultant costs.

It is projected that phase two (2), East Street, from Cherry Avenue to Cardinal Road, will take place during the summer of 2009. Phase two is still in the process of design and is projected to go out for public bidding in March of 2009. A member of the Engineering Department will act again as the Resident Engineer on the project.

SNOW FIGHTING

The total snowfall for the 2007-2008 winter season was 58 inches. Seventeen (17) storms were either plowed, sanded, salted or a combination thereof. The largest snowfalls were 10 inches on February 22, 2008; 9.5 inches on December 13, 2007; 8.5 inches on December 16, 2007 and 7 inches on December 20, 2007.

CEMETERY

Number of lots sold – January through December 31, 2008 - 44
Number of interments – January through December 31, 2008 - 95

TREE DIVISION

The budget for FY09 voted at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting again provided minimal tree maintenance monies. In order to catch up with the numerous tree trimming requests, the Whip Hill Caretaker is presently working two (2) days per week for the D.P.W.

Trees removed – 50
Stumps ground – 54

MISCELLANEOUS CALLS

The following work was performed by Department personnel in response to phone calls. Department action may have required 15 minutes work by one man, or several days work by a crew of three or four men with trucks and an excavator.

SEWER RELATED CALLS

1.	Main sewer plugs	40
2.	Sewer service plugs	40
3.	Sewer service excavation/repair	6
4.	Miscellaneous sewer calls	52

WATER RELATED CALLS

1.	Water main break	6
2.	Water service repairs	9
3.	Meter repairs/replacements	880
4.	Water meter readings	25,000
4.	Water turn on/off	100
5.	Rusty water calls (some were internal problems)	12
6.	Miscellaneous calls	110
7.	Hydrant repairs	10
8.	Hydrant replacement	9
9.	Water service relays	6
10.	Frozen service calls	0
11.	Additional hydrants to town's system	3

DRAIN RELATED CALLS

1.	Miscellaneous drain calls	70
2.	Drain repairs/replacements	11

MISCELLANEOUS CALLS

1.	Sign installations/replacements/repairs	250
2.	Dead animal pick-ups	145

WATER SERVICE INSTALLATIONS BY PRIVATE OR TOWN CONTRACTORS

1.	New water services	23
2.	New sewer services	20

Other significant projects were as follows:

1. Water service, curb stop repairs and/or replacement.
2. Clean up Spring Lane and Stevens Street storage and recycling yards.
3. Providing appropriate plans, supporting documentation and holding hearings associated with the acceptance of streets as Public Ways.
4. Coordination of the installation, upgrading , and maintenance of street lighting.
5. Leaf disposal program
6. Development of the annual paving program including the submission of various project request forms and subsequent reimbursement request forms related to work being done with state funding (Chapter 90).
7. Development of the annual water main replacement program. Plans, specifications and all appropriate bidding materials are generated by the DPW engineering and water departments.
8. Snow plow contractor hiring, route assignment, coordination of efforts related to plowing, salting, and sanding operations. Plowing at the schools, school crossings and school related sidewalks.
9. Sign installation and design related to pedestrian safety grant.
10. The D.P.W. is now responsible for over-seeing the maintenance of all Public Buildings, other than the schools.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In fiscal year 2008, the Town's certified free cash was $1,358,312. This surplus was transferred into the Stabilization Fund per a vote at the May 2007 Annual Town Meeting. At the October 2008 Special Town Meeting, the Town did vote to use over $500,000 from the Stabilization Fund mostly to fund capital needs. A balance of almost $2.2 million still remains in this "Rainy Day" Fund. The Town needs to continue this practice of transferring its fiscal year end surplus into the Stabilization Fund in order to reach a more comfortable balance of at least 5% of its budget or roughly $3 million.

In looking ahead, the Town will probably have a much harder time generating surpluses like it had the last couple of fiscal years. Fiscal Year 2009 and Fiscal Year 2010 will probably not be as profitable because of the slowing economy. The Town will most likely have a harder time generating additional revenues from sources such as building permits, motor vehicle excise taxes, golf fees, investment income and arena ice rentals due to this sluggish economy. In addition, the Town may experience more delinquent real estate tax bills as well as huge cuts in State Aid during FY2009 and into FY2010. Hopefully, the Town will be able to get through these tough times without having to rely heavily on its Stabilization Fund.

Another future concern involves the Town's pension system. Currently, the Town's pension system is on track to be fully funded by 2020, which is eight years ahead of the 2028 deadline. However, most communities, if not all, will be looking for the State to extend this deadline beyond 2028 because of the poor investment returns. If there is no such relief from the State, then communities may have a very difficult time dealing with the increased pension costs.

There is something positive happening in FY2010 that should translate into savings for the Town, the employees, and the retirees. The Town did reach an agreement with the employees and retirees to join the State's health insurance plan (GIC) effective 7/1/09. Lower premiums and a greater selection of health insurance plans offered by the State should benefit the Town as well as the employees and retirees.

I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to serve another year for this great Town. I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for giving me this opportunity. Also, I want to thank the Accounting Department Staff: Assistant Town Accountant, Ron Castignetti, and Office Assistants, Patricia Queeney and Karen Brown, for all their hard work.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Florino
Town Accountant

TOWN OF STONEHAM
GENERAL/SEWER/WATER FUNDS
FY'08 ESTIMATED VS. ACTUAL REVENUE RECAP

DESCRIPTION	FY'08 EST. REVENUE	FY'08 ACTUAL REVENUE	FY'08 REVENUE SURPLUS/DEFICIT	FY'09 EST. REVENUE
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, NET OF REFUNDS	2,477,066	2,792,543.06	315,477.06	2,701,500
PENALTIES/INTEREST ON TAXES & EXCISE	146,000	300,536.99	154,536.99	273,000
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	50,000	68,238.52	18,238.52	65,000
FEES	305,000	297,117.76	(7,882.24)	275,000
RENTALS	1,300	4,542.00	3,242.00	1,300
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE				
_ SCHOOLS	240,000	324,383.97	84,383.97	240,000
_ LIBRARIES	1,500	2,180.99	680.99	1,500
_ CEMETERIES	65,000	95,800.00	30,800.00	90,000
_ RECREATION	1,300,000	1,255,658.00	(44,342.00)	1,244,685
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	20,000	18,466.69	(1,533.31)	18,000
LICENSES & PERMITS	450,000	381,040.67	(68,959.33)	361,000
FINES & FORFEITS(Parking & Dog Fines)	20,000	41,375.00	21,375.00	40,000
INVESTMENT INCOME	240,000	391,628.52	151,628.52	360,000
DISTRICT COURT FINES	75,000	86,765.00	11,765.00	80,000
PENSION REIMBURSEMENTS	1,500	0.00	(1,500.00)	0
TRASH FEE	1,035,000	1,110,595.51	75,595.51	50,000
TAILINGS WRITE OFFS	0	0.00	0.00	0
BOND PREMIUM	0	0.00	0.00	0
RESCO/B&M SETTLEMENT	0	90,000.00	90,000.00	0
MEDICAID PART D SUBSIDY	0	53,962.77	53,962.77	0
TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS	6,427,366	7,314,835.45	887,469.45	5,800,985
STATE AID (NET OFFSET ITEMS)	10,360,243	10,300,794.44	(59,448.56)	10,300,755
			0.00	
REAL EST./PERS. PROP. (NET OVERLAY RES.)	34,717,626	35,073,346.35	355,720.35	35,985,587
DEFERRED REAL ESTATE	0	0.00	0.00	0
TAX LIENS	0	110,708.99	110,708.99	0
STATE REIMB. --OTHER	0	0.00	0.00	0
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	51,505,235	52,799,685.23	1,294,450.23	52,087,327
TOTAL SEWER FUND	4,726,171	4,984,515.50	258,344.50	4,969,056
TOTAL WATER FUND	3,708,186	4,014,035.48	305,849.48	3,865,752

TOWN OF STONEHAM
Summary Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2008

Assets	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Funds	Trust & Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations	Totals
Cash - Unrestricted Checking	4,509,924						4,509,924
- Restricted Checking		2,003,225	2,237,115	1,016,301	4,050,662		9,307,304
- Restricted Savings		183,588					183,588
Trash Fee Receivable	121,380						121,380
Personal Property Tax - 2009	(28)						(28)
Personal Property Tax - 2008	13,404						13,404
Personal Property Tax - 2007	7,496						7,496
Personal Property Tax - Prior Years	46,629						46,629
Real Estate Tax - 2009	(11,773)						(11,773)
Real Estate Tax - 2008	517,067						517,067
Real Estate Tax - 2007	(3,789)						(3,789)
Real Estate Tax - Prior Years	(71,537)						(71,537)
Allowance for Abate/Exemptions	(1,064,307)						(1,064,307)
Tax Liens	377,306						377,306
Deferred Real Estate Taxes	241,930						241,930
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2008	129,133						129,133
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2007	52,088						52,088
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2006	23,762						23,762
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Prior Years	69,230						69,230
User Charges Receivable - Sewer				592,238			592,238
User Charges Receivable - Water				304,057			304,057
Trash Fee/Sewer/Water Liens Receivable	8,020			53,912			61,932
Departmental Receivables	21,317				60,279		81,596
Amount to be provided for GLTD						39,853,760	39,853,760
Total Assets	**4,987,252**	**2,186,814**	**2,237,115**	**1,966,508**	**4,110,940**	**39,853,760**	**55,342,390**

TOWN OF STONEHAM
Summary Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2008

Liabilities and Fund Balances	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Funds	Trust & Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations	Totals
Warrants Payable	571,579	215,902	151,592	143	21,897		961,113
Accrued Payroll	295,619	23,579		23,664	15,064		357,925
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable			780,600				780,600
Paid Details(Police, Fire, & Custodial)					6,344		6,344
Unclaimed Items	5,978						5,978
Guaranteed Deposits		183,588					183,588
Deferred Revenue:							
- Uncollected Trash Fee	121,380						121,380
- Uncollected Property Tax	(566,838)						(566,838)
- Uncollected Def. Real Estate	241,930						241,930
- Uncollected Tax Liens	377,306						377,306
- Uncollected Motor Veh. Exc.	274,213						274,213
- Uncollected User Charges				896,296			896,296
- Uncollected Trash/Sewer/Water Liens	8,020			53,912			61,932
- Uncollected Dept. Receivables	21,317						21,317
Other Liabilities					233,655		233,655
General Long Term Obligation Bonds						39,853,760	39,853,760
Total Liabilities	**1,350,504**	**423,070**	**932,192**	**974,014**	**276,960**	**39,853,760**	**43,810,499**
Undesignated Fund Balance/Retained Earnin	2,672,650			992,495			3,665,145
Fund Balance:							
- Res. for Expenditures	386,000						386,000
- Res. for Continuous Approp.	137,109						137,109
- Reserved for Encumbrances	440,989						440,989
- Designated Federal Grants		58,502					58,502
- Designated State Grants		218,129					218,129
- Designated Revolving Fund		485,472					485,472
- Reserved for Appropriation		206,490					206,490
- Reserved for Special Purposes		795,152	1,304,923		3,833,981		5,934,056
Total Fund Balances	**3,636,748**	**1,763,744**	**1,304,923**	**992,495**	**3,833,981**	**-**	**11,531,891**
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	**4,987,252**	**2,186,814**	**2,237,115**	**1,966,508**	**4,110,940**	**39,853,760**	**55,342,390**

Town of Stoneham
Principal on Maturing Debt Schedule
As of June 30, 2008

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Golf Course(Par 3)-Construction	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000											250,000
Senior Center Renovation	75,000	75,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	65,000								565,000
Police Station Renovation	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225					2,444,475
Town Common-Phase II	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775					580,525
South School Renovation	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000			6,500,000
Central School Renovation	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000			8,450,000
Robinhood School Renovation	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000		8,400,000
Improve Town Drainage	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000		700,000
Purchase Street Lights	25,000	25,000														50,000
DPW Roof	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	5,000	0	138,055
Colonial School Renovation	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	8,100,000
Drainage at Elm/Franklin	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795			23,335
East School Boiler/Roof	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970			38,610
M. S. Roof and Doors ($848,530)	58,000	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000	53,000	53,000	53,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	50,000		755,000
Refurbish Fire Engine #4 ($130,000)	43,000															43,000
Fire Pick up Truck ($60,000)	20,000	20,000														40,000
Fire Station Ventilation ($60,000)	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000		56,000
H.S. Roof/M.S. Boiler ($400,000)	28,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000		371,000
Sidewalk Repairs ($150,000)	38,000	37,000	37,000													112,000
Police Cruisers FY06 ($105,000)	26,000	26,000	26,000													78,000
H.S. Bleachers ($160,000)	16,000	13,000	13,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000			143,000
H.S. Roof ($215,000)	15,000	15,000	15,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000		199,000
H.S. and M.S. Repairs ($250,000)	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000		233,000
Drainage at MacArthur/Spring St ($400,000)--BANs Issued June 2008																0
Replace Arena Boards/Glass ($155,000)--BANs Issued June 2007																0
Replace Arena Roof ($225,600)--BANs Issued June 2008																0
Subtotal	3,045,000	2,995,000	2,945,000	2,880,000	2,880,000	2,830,000	2,825,000	2,820,000	2,755,000	2,750,000	2,750,000	2,475,000	2,475,000	1,305,000	540,000	38,270,000
**MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project FY2005	44,880	44,880	44,880													134,640
**MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project (Phase 6)	44,880	44,880	44,880	44,880	44,880											224,400
Subtotal	89,760	89,760	89,760	44,880	44,880	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	359,040
**MWRA Water Rehab. Project	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080							1,224,720
Subtotal	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,224,720
Grand Total	3,270,840	3,220,840	3,170,840	3,060,960	3,060,960	2,966,080	2,961,080	2,956,080	2,891,080	2,750,000	2,750,000	2,475,000	2,475,000	1,305,000	540,000	39,853,760

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Town of Stoneham
Interest on Maturing Debt Schedule
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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Golf Course(Par 3)-Construction	11,245	7,438	5,313	3,188	1,063											28,245
Senior Center Renovation	26,327	19,444	16,256	13,175	10,200	7,225	4,250	1,381								98,258
Police Station Renovation	116,390	105,835	95,279	84,446	73,334	62,223	51,112	40,001	28,778	17,334	5,778					680,509
Town Common-Phase II	27,641	25,134	22,627	20,055	17,416	14,777	12,138	9,500	6,834	4,116	1,372					161,610
South School Renovation	305,625	284,375	261,875	239,375	217,375	194,875	171,750	148,000	124,000	99,500	75,000	50,000	25,000			2,196,750
Central School Renovation	394,875	364,000	338,000	312,000	284,375	256,750	227,500	195,000	162,500	130,000	97,500	65,000	32,500			2,860,000
Robinhood School Renovation	343,950	316,950	297,450	276,450	253,950	229,950	205,950	181,950	157,200	131,700	106,200	80,400	54,000	27,000		2,663,100
Improve Town Drainage	28,663	26,413	24,788	23,038	21,163	19,163	17,163	15,163	13,100	10,975	8,850	6,700	4,500	2,250		221,925
Purchase Street Lights	1,938	813														2,750
DPW Roof	5,848.78	5,503.34	5,042.78	4,643.60	4,234.20	3,804.34	3,394.94	2,975.30	2,545.44	2,105.32	1,654.98	1,194.42	721.04	240		43,908
Colonial School Renovation	348,030	329,805	305,505	284,445	262,845	240,165	218,565	196,425	173,745	150,525	126,765	102,465	77,490	52,110	26,190	2,895,075
Drainage at Elm/Franklin	984	923	842	772	701	625	553	480	404	327	248	167	84			7,111
East School Boiler/Roof	1,628	1,527	1,394	1,278	1,159	1,034	916	794	669	541	411	277	140			11,766
M. S. Roof and Doors ($848,530)	32,125	29,443	27,035	24,725	22,485	20,245	18,005	14,560	12,440	10,320	8,240	6,160	4,080	2,000		231,864
Refurbish Fire Engine #4 ($130,000)	1,989															1,989
Fire Pick up Truck ($60,000)	1,785	860														2,645
Fire Station Ventilation ($60,000)	2,382	2,197	2,025	1,860	1,700	1,540	1,380	1,120	960	800	640	480	320	160		17,564
H.S. Roof/M.S. Boiler ($400,000)	15,780	14,485	13,324	12,210	11,130	10,050	8,970	7,280	6,240	5,200	4,160	3,120	2,080	1,040		115,068
Sidewalk Repairs ($150,000)	4,875	3,117	1,526													9,518
Police Cruisers FY06 ($105,000)	3,393	2,191	1,073													6,656
H.S. Bleachers ($160,000)	6,150	5,410	4,851	4,315	3,835	3,355	2,875	2,160	1,720	1,280	960	640	320			37,872
H.S. Roof ($215,000)	8,468	7,774	7,129	6,510	5,950	5,390	4,830	3,920	3,360	2,800	2,240	1,680	1,120	560		61,730
H.S. and M.S. Repairs ($250,000)	9,924	9,137	8,406	7,705	7,025	6,345	5,665	4,560	3,880	3,200	2,560	1,920	1,280	640		72,247
Drainage at MacArthur/Spring St ($400,000)--BANs Issued June 2008																0
Replace Arena Boards/Glass ($155,000)--BANs Issued June 2007																0
Replace Arena Roof ($225,600)--BANs Issued June 2008																0
Total	1,700,013	1,562,772	1,439,740	1,320,189	1,199,939	1,077,516	955,016	825,268	698,376	570,724	442,579	320,204	203,635	86,000	26,190	12,428,160
**MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project FY2005																0
**MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project (Phase 6)																0
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
**MWRA Water Rehab. Project																0
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,700,013	1,562,772	1,439,740	1,320,189	1,199,939	1,077,516	955,016	825,268	698,376	570,724	442,579	320,204	203,635	86,000	26,190	12,428,160

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Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Federal & State Grants
As of June 30, 2008

Account Number	Federal Grants	Balance 7/1/07	Received FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/08
16-3553	Drug Enforcement (Federal)	0.00	70,680.28	70,680.28	25,136.75	45,543.53
16-3690	Copsmore Grant	2,311.59	0.00	2,311.59	2,311.59	0.00
16-3613,3621,3621A	Community Develop.-Ready Resource Grant	1,666.32	3,507.94	5,174.26	1,212.66	3,961.60
16-3611	Seatbelt Enforcement Grant	7,286.07	0.00	7,286.07	2,970.99	4,315.08
16-3497	Wakefield Voc. School Project (Police)	1,718.76	0.00	1,718.76	1,718.76	0.00
16-3449	FEMA Fire Training Grant	25,250.06	0.00	25,250.06	3,960.00	21,290.06
16-3458	FEMA BOH Emergency Preparedness Grant	2,993.72	2,500.00	5,493.72	694.97	4,798.75
16-3463,3663	Safe & Drug Free Schools	10,992.06	6,757.00	17,749.06	18,792.06	(1,043.00)
16-3465, 3649	Title I - Reading Program	6,885.57	206,622.00	213,507.57	230,618.01	(17,110.44)
16-3467, 3657	Title VIB-Special Education for Handicapped (94-142)	51,956.34	620,086.00	672,042.34	672,042.34	0.00
16-3468, 3662	Title VIB - Early Childhood Development	2,448.83	18,029.80	20,478.63	17,986.82	2,491.81
16-3466, 3659	Title II/VIB - Block Grant	3,522.00	3,598.00	7,120.00	3,522.00	3,598.00
16-3654, 3680A, 3660	SPED Corrective Action Grant	1.05	1,200.00	1,201.05	2,926.05	(1,725.00)
16-3617, 3620	Title II Enhancing Education via Tech.	1,746.26	3,489.00	5,235.26	5,168.02	67.24
16-3462,3661	SPED Program Improvements	(1,192.74)	18,914.00	17,721.26	21,734.26	(4,013.00)
16-3447,3460	Title II Improving Educator Quality	21,773.35	40,227.00	62,000.35	65,673.46	(3,673.11)
16-3476	Fire - Homeland Security Local Preparedness	(4,922.00)	0.00	(4,922.00)	(4,922.00)	0.00
	Total Federal Grants	**134,437.24**	**995,611.02**	**1,130,048.26**	**1,071,546.74**	**58,501.52**

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Federal & State Grants
As of June 30, 2008

Account Number	State Grants	Balance 7/1/07	Received FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/08
17-3521	Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.)	6,235.78	4,700.00	10,935.78	4,200.54	6,735.24
17-3537, 3548	Safe School II	305.77	0.00	305.77	305.77	0.00
17-3454	Police Bullet Proof Vests	3,758.50	11,106.00	14,864.50	8,450.00	6,414.50
17-3591A	Transportation for the Elderly	6,025.06	33,084.00	39,109.06	34,668.44	4,440.62
17-3530	Community Policing	72,566.34	46,313.00	118,879.34	26,667.05	92,212.29
17-3535	Mass Releaf Tree Grant	8,982.94	0.00	8,982.94	0.00	8,982.94
17-3509	Fire Department Hazmat Grant	8,336.75	10,919.76	19,256.51	8,516.22	10,740.29
17-3516	Mass. Incentive Recycling Program	21,266.70	1,400.00	22,666.70	0.00	22,666.70
17-3553	Law Enforcement Trust	45,281.79	7,980.88	53,262.67	7,632.12	45,630.55
17-3556	State Aid to Public Libraries	107,910.52	26,439.70	134,350.22	19,998.95	114,351.27
17-3508	Weights & Measures-Purchase Equipment	229.20	0.00	229.20	0.00	229.20
17-3526	DEQE Waterwaste Systems	1,981.61	0.00	1,981.61	1,981.61	0.00
17-3527	Arts & Lottery Grant	4,934.80	6,031.68	10,966.48	7,212.00	3,754.48
17-3444	Police Safety Equipment	1,972.00	0.00	1,972.00	673.83	1,298.17
17-3445	Firefighter's Safety Equipment	7,584.83	0.00	7,584.83	6,949.59	635.24
17-3456	FY07 SETB Police Training Grant (911 System)	0.00	1,487.93	1,487.93	1,487.93	0.00
13-3550A	CH 811 Highway Improvements	10,060.12	0.00	10,060.12	0.00	10,060.12
13-3520	Street Improvement Grant	7,745.72	0.00	7,745.72	0.00	7,745.72
13-3545	CH 291 of the Acts of 2005	0.00	267,250.34	267,250.34	309,631.00	(42,380.66)
13-3546	CH 291B of the Acts of 2006	(108,289.27)	281,505.39	173,216.12	173,216.12	0.00
13-3547	CH 90 of the Acts of 2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,099.49	(7,099.49)
17-3533,3459,3494	Reserved for Educational Reform	271.33	0.00	271.33	271.33	0.00
17-3532	Mentorship Grant	1,123.04	0.00	1,123.04	1,123.04	0.00
17-3501, 3457	Kindergarten Enhancement Program	1,999.96	29,800.00	31,799.96	31,799.96	0.00
17-3554	MHC Fire Station Grant	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	57,336.83	2,663.17
17-3570	SPED Circuit Breaker FY08	0.00	392,231.00	392,231.00	463,182.63	(70,951.63)
17-3534	Foundation Reserve "Pothole " Grant	0.00	233,000.00	233,000.00	233,000.00	0.00
	Total State Grants	**210,283.49**	**1,413,249.68**	**1,623,533.17**	**1,405,404.45**	**218,128.72**
	Total Federal & State Grants	**344,720.73**	**2,408,860.70**	**2,753,581.43**	**2,476,951.19**	**276,630.24**

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Other Special Revenue
As of June 30, 2008

Account Number	Revolving Funds	Balance 7/1/2007	Received FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/2008
12-3560	School Lunch Program	(6,223.94)	650,481.14	644,257.20	602,842.50	41,414.70
14-3306	Wetland Protection Fees	7,393.28	1,518.10	8,911.38	845.00	8,066.38
14-3537	E-Rate Discount	1,178.51	15,080.51	16,259.02	2,200.00	14,059.02
14-3550	Full Day Kindergarten	42,524.77	144,839.55	187,364.32	128,087.48	59,276.84
14-3558	Rental of Tax Possession Property	6,250.13	0.00	6,250.13	6,250.13	0.00
14-3559	Public Health Fund	11,445.20	5,686.97	17,132.17	3,709.53	13,422.64
14-3560	Athletic Fund	27,343.55	235,540.15	262,883.70	255,139.33	7,744.37
14-3561	Adult Evening School	723.04	330.00	1,053.04	0.00	1,053.04
14-3562	Summer School Program	8,108.08	810.00	8,918.08	0.00	8,918.08
14-3563	Youth Commission	33,168.93	118,952.53	152,121.46	118,025.16	34,096.30
14-3564,3565,3566	Insurance Reimbursement Under $20,000.	41,067.61	23,673.29	64,740.90	61,762.77	2,978.13
14-3567, 3568	Senior Citizen Outings	4,780.87	3,453.00	8,233.87	6,583.87	1,650.00
14-3571	Rental of Fire Station	0.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	15,490.47	2,509.53
14-3570	Tuition Reimbursement for Out of Town Children	20,000.17	43,950.00	63,950.17	61,180.24	2,769.93
14-3572	Rental of School Buildings	25,240.63	547,063.81	572,304.44	516,023.25	56,281.19
14-3574	Composting Bins	2,729.50	17,031.50	19,761.00	19,761.00	0.00
14-3575	ADA Parking Fines	17,715.00	970.00	18,685.00	0.00	18,685.00
14-3576	Rental of Senior Center	6,207.83	9,308.00	15,515.83	9,060.83	6,455.00
14-3578	H. S Extension	5,420.50	0.00	5,420.50	5,420.50	0.00
14-3585	Pre School Program	45,820.64	124,311.00	170,131.64	78,365.72	91,765.92
14-3586	School Age/After School Child Care	5,629.58	373,263.74	378,893.32	279,117.76	99,775.56
14-3587	Arena Concession/Pro Shop/Vending	0.00	27,681.79	27,681.79	14,689.83	12,991.96
14-3588	High School Drama Program	8,750.69	6,010.00	14,760.69	14,760.69	0.00
14-3589	School Instrumental Music Program	3,910.11	13,467.95	17,378.06	15,819.28	1,558.78
	Total Revolving Funds	**319,184.68**	**2,381,423.03**	**2,700,607.71**	**2,215,135.34**	**485,472.37**

Account Number	Receipts Reserved for Appropriations	Balance 7/1/2007	Received FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/2008
15-3300	Sale of Foreclosed Property	85,553.93	0.00	85,553.93	0.00	85,553.93
15-3564	Sale of Town Property	0.00	46,775.62	46,775.62	0.00	46,775.62
15-3304	Sale of Cemetery Lots	114,585.45	24,575.00	139,160.45	65,000.00	74,160.45
	Total Receipts Reserved for Appropriations	**200,139.38**	**71,350.62**	**271,490.00**	**65,000.00**	**206,490.00**

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Account Number	Individual Gifts & Donations	Balance 7/1/2007	Received FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/2008
29-3450	Board of Selectmen-- General Donations	1,225.00	500.00	1,725.00	0.00	1,725.00
29-3451	A T & T Broadband--Return line	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
29-3485,3607	Town Common Donations	4,167.25	0.00	4,167.25	2,317.25	1,850.00
29-3486	Verizon Cable-Capital	39,195.20	86,666.66	125,861.86	0.00	125,861.86
29-3486A	Verizon Cable-Operating	3,083.88	46,788.63	49,872.51	15,319.35	34,553.16
29-3492	Whip Hill Upkeep	3,419.76	0.00	3,419.76	866.25	2,553.51
29-3499	Stoneham Historical Committee Donations	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
29-3581	BRMC Donation-Exercise Instructor	426.65	0.00	426.65	0.00	426.65
29-3582	Basketball Court Donations	95.13	0.00	95.13	0.00	95.13
29-3583	Redstone/Eastern Bank Donations-Traffic Island	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
29-3599	Stoneham Middle School Music Club	1,380.33	0.00	1,380.33	1,380.33	0.00
29-3604	Tree Service Donations	7,603.77	900.00	8,503.77	0.00	8,503.77
29-3604A	Park & Street Donations	22,839.83	10,383.00	33,222.83	1,868.00	31,354.83
29-3605	Community Policing Donations	897.45	5,000.00	5,897.45	5,403.25	494.20
29-3606	Public Safety Donation (BJ's)	35,666.10	10,000.00	45,666.10	1,053.00	44,613.10
29-3608	Civic Improvement Donation	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
29-3609	Optical Receiver/Landscaping Donations	2,551.36	0.00	2,551.36	0.00	2,551.36
29-3610	BJ's Site Plan (Traffic Lights)	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00
29-3622	Board of Selectmen - Von Dreathen	1,305.81	0.00	1,305.81	0.00	1,305.81
29-3623	Board of Selectmen - Stockwell Fund	1,327.17	0.00	1,327.17	0.00	1,327.17
29-3624,3625	Police Donations	369.64	0.00	369.64	369.64	0.00
29-3626,3633	Fire - NE Memorial Hospital (Super Pas	785.08	0.00	785.08	0.00	785.08
29-3631	D.A.R.E. Program Donations	11,429.74	289.06	11,718.80	11,718.80	0.00
29-3632	Conservation Commission Donation	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
29-3634	A T & T License Renewal--Capital	110,738.41	0.00	110,738.41	85,333.34	25,405.07
29-3634A	A T & T License Renewal--Operating	230,313.05	299,022.60	529,335.65	358,144.33	171,191.32
29-3634B	A T & T License Renewal--School Capital	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
29-3635	Library Donations	12,282.61	4,395.86	16,678.47	656.15	16,022.32
29-3636, 3642	Senior Citizen Donations	22,382.59	22,207.00	44,589.59	42,718.93	1,870.66
29-3639	Board of Health - Donation Stockwell Fund	78.98	0.00	78.98	0.00	78.98
29-3641	Whip Hill Trust	950.00	10,950.00	11,900.00	10,950.00	950.00
29-3643	School Gifts & Donations	7,753.79	23,175.96	30,929.75	23,342.19	7,587.56
29-3645,3646	The Mugar Group	2,543.49	0.00	2,543.49	0.00	2,543.49
29-3648A	Stoneham High School Music Club	526.47	0.00	526.47	526.47	0.00
29-3649A	SHS Alumni Donations	7,553.88	0.00	7,553.88	0.00	7,553.88

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Account Number	Individual Gifts & Donations (continued)	Balance 7/1/2007	Received FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/2008
29-3400	Impact Study for T Mobile Cell Tower	1,183.69	0.00	1,183.69	0.00	1,183.69
29-3440	Franklin Street Dunkin Donuts Study	255.45	3,435.88	3,691.33	0.00	3,691.33
29-3441	Highland Village Townhomes	859.40	0.00	859.40	0.00	859.40
29-3446	Friends of Funds	6,854.05	1,183.00	8,037.05	1,183.00	6,854.05
29-3453	Homework Club Donations	4,099.43	8,820.00	12,919.43	10,237.69	2,681.74
29-3483	Memorial Day Parade Donations	1,347.99	5,000.00	6,347.99	0.00	6,347.99
29-3488	Athletic Hall of Fame Donations	10,933.41	13,275.00	24,208.41	12,144.76	12,063.65
29-3489	High School Field Restoration	68,531.44	0.00	68,531.44	0.00	68,531.44
29-3490	Coca Cola Scoreboard	10,976.45	0.00	10,976.45	0.00	10,976.45
29-3498A	RCN Grant	93,493.74	40,650.65	134,144.39	55,511.52	78,632.87
29-3602	Ralph J. Arsenault Memorial Award	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Total Gifts & Donations	**793,552.47**	**644,643.30**	**1,438,195.77**	**643,044.25**	**795,151.52**

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Capital Projects
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Account Number	Capital Projects	Balance 7/1/2007	Received FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/2008	Short-Term BANs Issued
30-3979	Fire Station Design	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	0.00
30-3980	Refurbish Fire Engine #4	350.00	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
30-3965	Drainage at MacArthur Rd. & Spring St.	0.00	0.00	0.00	203,604.48	(203,604.48)	400,000.00
30-3927	Construct Sidewalks	6,707.08	0.00	6,707.08	0.00	6,707.08	0.00
30-3928	MWRA Water Rehabilitation Projects	1,361,382.30	0.00	1,361,382.30	604,837.69	756,544.61	0.00
30-3929	MWRA Sewer Rehabilitation Projects	408,000.00	408,000.00	816,000.00	343,615.74	472,384.26	0.00
30-3931	Fire Station Ventilation	103.90	0.00	103.90	0.00	103.90	0.00
30-3981	Purchase Police Cruisers	11,490.53	0.00	11,490.53	0.00	11,490.53	0.00
30-3960	Renovate/Construct Schools	489,134.49	0.00	489,134.49	89,130.18	400,004.31	0.00
30-3959	Renovate Police Station	19,389.07	0.00	19,389.07	500.00	18,889.07	0.00
30-3974	Replace East School Boiler	2,277.52	0.00	2,277.52	0.00	2,277.52	0.00
30-3978	Repair East School Roof	2,140.00	0.00	2,140.00	0.00	2,140.00	0.00
30-3967	Purchase Fire Pick up Truck	3,186.21	0.00	3,186.21	3,186.21	0.00	0.00
30-3976	Drainage at 41 Elm Street	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00
30-3954	Replace School Doors/Roof	660.00	0.00	660.00	0.00	660.00	0.00
30-3982	Firefighter Turnout Gear	6,849.00	0.00	6,849.00	2,427.25	4,421.75	0.00
30-3944	Arena Roof Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,600.00	(225,600.00)	225,600.00
30-5017	Replace Arena Boards and Glass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	155,000.00
30-3984	HS & MS Repairs	189,838.03	0.00	189,838.03	178,333.16	11,504.87	0.00
	Total Capital Projects	**2,548,508.13**	**408,000.00**	**2,956,508.13**	**1,651,584.71**	**1,304,923.42**	**780,600.00**

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Account Number	Description	Balance 7/1/07	Deposits FY 08	Investment Income FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/08
80-3650	Cemetery Perpetual Care-Principal	890,158.48	6,550.00	-	896,708.48	-	896,708.48
80-3651	Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower-Principal	13,809.70	(150.00)	-	13,659.70	-	13,659.70
80-3652	Thomas Henry Jones Scholarship Fund-Principal	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
80-3657	Dale Cemetery	25.00	-	-	25.00	-	25.00
80-3658	Mary Anna Hill Library-Principal	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
80-3659	Dike Library	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
80-3660	Tredick Library	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
80-3661	Richardson Library	100.00	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
80-3662	Trowbridge Library	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
80-3663	Peyton Library-Principal	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
80-3664	Best Library	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
80-3665	Marsh Library	34,000.00	(34,000.00)	-	-	-	-
80-3666	Davis Library	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
80-3667	MacDonald Medal Fund	130.00	-	-	130.00	-	130.00
80-3668	Trowbridge Scholarship	5,500.00	-	-	5,500.00	-	5,500.00
80-3672	Sidney A. Hill Welfare Fund-Principal	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
80-3673	Town Hall Organ Fund	10.00	-	-	10.00	-	10.00
80-3674	Alice J. Durgin Welfare Fund-Principal	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
80-3675	Annie Brown Library-Principal	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
80-3684	Apalakis Library Trust	77,500.00	-	-	77,500.00	-	77,500.00
80-3703	Harry W. Lister Scholarship	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00	-	100,000.00
	Sub Total Fund 80 - Non-Expendable	**1,156,233.18**	**(25,600.00)**	**-**	**1,130,633.18**	**-**	**1,130,633.18**

Account Number	Description	Balance 7/1/07	Deposits FY 08	Investment Income FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/08
81-3653	Jones Scholarship	1,115.29	-	209.24	1,324.53	-	1,324.53
81-3654	Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income	255,059.48	-	75,131.82	330,191.30	58,000.00	272,191.30
81-3655	Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower-Income	19,471.61	-	2,203.07	21,674.68	1,794.13	19,880.55
81-3657	Dale Cemetery	550.99	-	38.66	589.65	-	589.65
81-3658	Mary Anna Hill Library	24,077.48	-	2,060.25	26,137.73	-	26,137.73
81-3659	Dike Library	8,980.59	-	737.48	9,718.07	-	9,718.07
81-3660	Tredick Library	13,900.84	-	1,067.95	14,968.79	-	14,968.79
81-3661	Richardson Library	184.43	-	19.13	203.56	-	203.56
81-3662	Trowbridge Library	21,928.47	-	1,875.74	23,804.21	-	23,804.21
81-3663	Peyton Library	11,989.32	-	872.37	12,861.69	-	12,861.69
81-3664	Best Library	3,378.64	-	428.41	3,807.05	-	3,807.05
81-3665	Marsh Library	17,168.94	34,000.00	3,436.69	54,605.63	-	54,605.63
81-3666	Davis Library	6,371.46	-	427.93	6,799.39	2,000.00	4,799.39
81-3667	MacDonald Medal Fund	7,855.35	-	536.34	8,391.69	-	8,391.69
81-3668	Trowbridge Scholarship	661.20	-	404.30	1,065.50	300.00	765.50
81-3669	Qualters Scholarship	30,592.12	1,277.01	2,319.96	34,189.09	1,500.00	32,689.09
81-3670	Best Scholarship Fund	21,993.97	-	1,445.51	23,439.48	1,000.00	22,439.48
81-3671	Stockwell Shade Tree	16,798.96	-	1,128.25	17,927.21	-	17,927.21
81-3672	Hill Welfare	43,601.53	-	3,129.90	46,731.43	-	46,731.43
81-3673	Town Hall Organ Fund	447.01	3,178.84	71.85	3,697.70	2,700.00	997.70

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81-3674	Durgin Welfare	25,575.40	-	1,784.92	27,360.32	-	27,360.32
81-3675	Annie Brown Library	35,741.89	-	3,072.11	38,814.00	-	38,814.00
81-3676	Stoneham War Memorial	4,146.66	-	280.62	4,427.28	247.75	4,179.53
81-3678	Helen Wolcott Stockwell Trust (COA)	18.76	22,500.00	506.66	23,025.42	20,871.51	2,153.91
81-3678A	Helen Wolcott Stockwell (BOH)	140.43	-	9.45	149.88	-	149.88
81-3678B	Helen Wolcott Stockwell (BOS-ADMIN)	14,516.39	3,500.00	1,085.83	19,102.22	-	19,102.22
81-3679	Town Scholarship Fund	7,095.49	300.00	480.35	7,875.84	-	7,875.84
81-3682	Town Education Fund	6,054.82	555.00	415.36	7,025.18	-	7,025.18
81-3684	Apalakis Library Trust	36,984.45	-	7,689.12	44,673.57	2,000.00	42,673.57
81-3685	Italian Development	6,020.10	67,000.00	1,184.14	74,204.24	32,901.53	41,302.71
81-3686	Robert O'keefe Trust Fund	4,156.77	-	279.20	4,435.97	-	4,435.97
81-3701	Howard Watson Memorial Scholarship	31,014.65	750.00	2,041.05	33,805.70	1,875.00	31,930.70
81-3702	Mark Robert Kanchuga Memorial	16,095.76	-	1,069.97	17,165.73	350.00	16,815.73
81-3703	Harry W. Lister Scholarship	26,176.24	-	8,426.85	34,603.09	2,000.00	32,603.09
81-3704	Christopher Molloy Memorial Scholarship	26,489.36	1,275.00	1,792.02	29,556.38	1,000.00	28,556.38
81-3705	Stoneham High School Alumni	25,062.04	1,500.00	1,659.85	28,221.89	2,500.00	25,721.89
81-3706	Pauline Caroli Folsom Memorial	5,713.77	3,000.00	358.33	9,072.10	3,000.00	6,072.10
81-3707	Paul Mannke & Patricia Sullivan Memorial	583.34	-	39.17	622.51	-	622.51
81-3708	Weiss Family Scholarship	7,562.09	6,000.00	488.72	14,050.81	6,000.00	8,050.81
81-3709	Patricia A. Hoyt Memorial Scholarship	10,151.11	-	650.08	10,801.19	1,000.00	9,801.19
81-3710	Maureen McNulty Scholarhip	158.28	-	10.63	168.91	-	168.91
81-3711	Joseph A. Viglietti Scholarship	2,055.63	1,000.00	158.13	3,213.76	250.00	2,963.76
81-3712	Joseph A. Marion E. Marrone Memorial	155.56	-	10.44	166.00	-	166.00
81-3713	Arthur J. Rotondi Sr. Mem Scholarship	10,480.93	-	688.10	11,169.03	1,000.00	10,169.03
81-3714	Karen Ferretti Adelizzi Memorial Scholar	10,671.58	335.00	679.42	11,686.00	3,000.00	8,686.00
81-3715	Leonard Barbo Family	5,816.00	50.00	375.90	6,241.90	500.00	5,741.90
81-3716	Edwin T. Casey, Sr. Memorial	44.71	-	3.02	47.73	-	47.73
81-3717	Elaine P. Cunniff Memorial Scholarship	69,251.90	250.00	4,643.52	74,145.42	1,000.00	73,145.42
81-3718	Emily Elizabeth Dunn Mem Scholarship	17,168.59	250.00	1,158.89	18,577.48	-	18,577.48
81-3719	Paul J. Palermo Sr. Memorial	477.55	323.00	30.06	830.61	300.00	530.61
81-3720	Dr. Michael Scarpitto Memorial	3,488.21	1,000.00	284.50	4,772.71	-	4,772.71
81-3721	Linda Reinold Sinclair Memorial	1,835.05	1,000.00	146.44	2,981.49	-	2,981.49
81-3722	Stoneham Women's Club	21,425.20	-	1,423.16	22,848.36	1,000.00	21,848.36
81-3723	Robert A. Wallace Memorial	7,470.36	-	485.92	7,956.28	1,500.00	6,456.28
81-3724	Woburn Court Scholarship	258.57	-	17.36	275.93	-	275.93
81-3725	Renato A. Paolini Scholarship	5,363.58	-	344.42	5,708.00	500.00	5,208.00
81-3726	Class of 1982	210.84	500.00	27.75	738.59	-	738.59
81-3727	Christoper N. Rockwood Scholarship	2,882.57	1,100.00	228.47	4,211.04	500.00	3,711.04
81-3728	Mary Ellen Lacey Memorial Scholarship	3,187.57	350.00	208.87	3,746.44	1,000.00	2,746.44
81-3729	Ruth A. Timpone Scholarship	4,623.96	-	314.10	4,938.06	100.00	4,838.06
81-3730	Robert Manson Memorial	2,022.65	3,000.00	241.27	5,263.92	4,500.00	763.92
81-3731	Stoneham Savings Bank	80.30	-	5.40	85.70	-	85.70
81-3732	McKeown Scholarship Fund	16,432.12	-	866.03	17,298.15	15,000.00	2,298.15
81-3733	Kelly Conlon Memorial	2,486.03	5.00	135.42	2,626.45	1,000.00	1,626.45
81-3734	Class of 1945 Scholarship	36.71	-	2.47	39.18	-	39.18
81-3735	John Pul Carbone Memorial	110.95	-	7.48	118.43	-	118.43

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Account Number	Description	Balance 7/1/07	Deposits FY 08	Investment Income FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/08
81-3736	Class of 1972	1,553.58	500.00	100.10	2,153.68	1,250.00	903.68
81-3737	Betty Rand Church Memorial Scholarship	21,863.93	-	1,420.94	23,284.87	1,500.00	21,784.87
81-3738	Pierre "Bo" Erhard Memorial	500.03	500.00	37.28	1,037.31	250.00	787.31
81-3739	Daniel W. Hogan, Jr. Scholarship	-	15,911.77	513.10	16,424.87	-	16,424.87
	Sub Total Fund 81 - Expendable	**1,007,540.14**	**170,910.62**	**145,427.24**	**1,323,878.00**	**175,189.92**	**1,148,688.08**

Account Number	Description	Balance 7/1/07	Deposits FY 08	Investment Income FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/08
82-3683	Health Trust Fund	4,063.93	8,447.07	540.54	13,051.54	-	13,051.54
	Sub Total Fund 82 - Expendable	**4,063.93**	**8,447.07**	**540.54**	**13,051.54**	**-**	**13,051.54**

Account Number	Description	Balance 7/1/07	Deposits FY 08	Investment Income FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/08
83-3676	Stabilization Fund	664,528.90	805,000.00	70,133.63	1,539,662.53	-	1,539,662.53
	Sub Total Fund 83 - Expendable	**664,528.90**	**805,000.00**	**70,133.63**	**1,539,662.53**	**-**	**1,539,662.53**

Account Number	Description	Balance 7/1/07	Deposits FY 08	Investment Income FY 08	Total Available	Expended FY 08	Balance 6/30/08
84-3677	Conservation Fund-Ford Foundation	1,823.00	-	122.44	1,945.44	-	1,945.44
	Sub Total Fund 84 - Expendable	**1,823.00**	**-**	**122.44**	**1,945.44**	**-**	**1,945.44**
	Trust Fund Grand Total	**2,834,189.15**	**958,757.69**	**216,223.85**	**4,009,170.69**	**175,189.92**	**3,833,980.77**

To the residents of the Town of Stoneham:

The year 2008 in the Town Clerk's Office was one of many twists and turns.

Because of the expected high workload in our office for the entire year of 2008 with four (4) elections, three (3) town meetings we knew our days would be full to say the least.

The state legislature voted in favor at the very end of calendar year 2007 to change the 2008 Presidential Primary from March 4, 2008 to February 5, 2008. This did not catch town and city clerks by surprise but, as most had already had their timelines ready for 2008 and with the historic year for voting locally and nationally we had our backs to wall. The date was changed because it enabled Massachusetts voters to feel that they were in the mix in the delegate count nation wide. With the election being held so early in the year voters had a larger choice of candidates to choose from before most had pulled out of the Presidential race.

The Presidential Primary Election drew 8,388 voters; 5,039 Democrats, 2,345 Republicans, 4 Green Rainbow Party and 0 Working Family Party voters.

While we were preparing for the PPE above, we also had to get nomination papers ready for candidates running in the 2008 Annual Town Election and prepare for the April 1 event. This election drew 2,179 voters.

The month of May had two (2) town meetings, the Annual Town Meeting and a Special Town Meeting. Also, nomination papers for statewide officers were collected and certified for the State Primary Election to be held in September. It seems that petitions never end as we collected several hundred petitions to be certified and returned to the petitioners.

The State Primary Election was held in September with 3,757 voters taking part, 3,354 Democrats, 368 Republicans, 2 Green Rainbow and 33 Working Family Party.

October saw the Town Meeting held as usual but with the historic Presidential Election taking place on November 4th my staff again was stretched to the limit. I made a request to the Board of Selectmen to open the polling place at 6:00am. This worked out very well for the voters that have an early start time for work. The first hour generate 848 voters, who seemed very pleased that they had their duty completed before they went off to work. My staff processed 1,087 absentee ballots for this election; needless to say the data being inserted into the system seemed to go on forever. When these ballots are returned they have to be recorded into the system and then processed on Election Day by the officers of the election. 12,156 voters turned out to vote and because of the efficient preparation of my staff and the excellent execution of the election workers, Stoneham voters enjoyed a painless participation in the voting process.

Over 10,000 Annual Town Census forms were mailed to residents of the town. All returned forms were checked for accuracy and changes were made as described by Massachusetts General Law.

On April 1, 2008 a parking program was instituted in and around Stoneham Square. Most business's and residence alike took part in the program for an annual, quarterly or

monthly fee. My office was responsible for the collection and issuing of the colored coded placards in designated parking lots in the square. This program defiantly opened up parking spaces that have not been available for years. It seems that people from outside of the town would come in, take the bus to Boston and leave a vehicle for the day in those same parking lots.

The total number of new vital records recorded in the town clerk office for 2008 are as follows: Births 219; Deaths 308; Marriages 134.

The total roster of registered voters as of 1/31/2008 is as follows:
Unenrolled – 7,963; Democrats – 5,320; Republicans – 1,633; Reform – 1; American Independent – 2; Conservative – 1; Green-Rainbow – 11; Inter. 3rd Party – 5; Libertarian – 34; Socialist – 1; Working Families – 13; Timesizing Not Down – 1.

The Passport business slacked off because the US Department of State pushed back the effective date for initializing the new regulations as far as travel is concerned in and out of the United States. Also, the State Department dropped the fee for Passport Processing Agencies from $30.00 per application to $25.00 per application. There was an increase in the fee that the State Department requires of $7.00 per application for a total of $75.00 per adult. This reduced amount reflected a decrease of $6,180.00 in revenues collected in my office.

Each and every year I applaud my staff because without a doubt they deserve it. The year 2008 could not demonstrate how they went beyond what I had expected from them. I have the privilege to say Our Team is second to none and deserve all of the accolades they may receive, because if not for them this office could not have accomplished what they did in this historic year.

I want to thank my staff, Maria Sagarino, 25 hours, Carolyn Auriemma, 19 hours, Sandra Snyder, 16 hours, Michele Collins, 15 hours, and Michelle Meagher, 15 hours for their professionalism and attentiveness while attending to the tremendous work load throughout the year in a limited amount of hours.

I am very proud to say I describe my Office as: Productive, Busy, Efficient, but most of all great "Team Work". Good work ethic are always encouraged, and will remain at the forefront, while maintaining the integrity of the Office, and acting in the best interest of the Town. Again we look forward to serving you in 2009.

Sincerely,

John J Hanright, Town Clerk

Description	Count	Amount
Birth Ctf - Ammend/Legit	5	150.00
Birth Ctf - Long	1934	19,340.00
Burial Permit	85	850.00
Business Ctf	142	5,680.00
Business Ctf - Certified Copy	7	35.00
Business Ctf- Change	4	40.00
Business Ctf List - Complete	1	25.00
Bylaw Violation $100	4	400.00
Bylaw Violation $200	2	400.00
Bylaw Violation $50	7	350.00
Certification Letter - BOA	17	170.00
Certification Letter - BOS	4	40.00
Certification Letter - PB	4	40.00
Copy 50¢	313	156.50
Death Ctf	994	9,940.00
Dog Late Fee $1/month	12	12.00
Dog Late Fee $25	29	685.00
Dog License	51	765.00
Dog License - Spay / Neuter	776	7,760.00
Dog List	4	100.00
empty	6	48.00
Gasoline Storage Permit	18	1,350.00
Kennel License	10	250.00
Marriage Certificate	150	1,500.00
Marriage Intention / License	128	3,840.00
Notary Fee	53	795.00
Parking $150	70	10,500.00
Parking $20	28	560.00
Parking $5	15	75.00
Parking $60	4	240.00
Passport	1236	32,255.00
Passport Photo	563	5,630.00
Raffle Permit	4	40.00
Record - Medical	2	40.00
Search of Records	2	10.00
Street List (current)	16	400.00
Utilities	4	300.00
Voter List on Disk	1	100.00
Voter Registration Card	2	10.00
Zoning Bylaws	5	175.00
Zoning Map $10	4	40.00
Grand Total	6716	105,096.50

Minutes for Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2008

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street, on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of this warrant:

Article 1. To choose the following officers:

One (1) Selectman for three (3) years.

Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years.

One (1) Board of Assessors Member for three (3) years.

One (1) Planning Board Member for five (5) years.

One (1) Board of Health Member for three (3) years.

Two (2) School Committee Members for three (3) years.

One (1) School Committee Member for (1) year unexpired term.

One (1) Housing Authority Member for five (5) years.

All on one ballot.

The polls for the Annual Town Election shall be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting shall be adjourned to meet in the Town Hall at 7:30 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 5, 2008, in accordance with provisions of Article II, section 2-3 of the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 390 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:35 PM. He thanked the Town's organist Bruce Netten. Moderator Rotondi then asked Father Bill Schmidt, Pastor of St. Patrick Church to give the invocation. Moderator Rotondi mentioned the passing of long time Stoneham residents Gerald Sullivan and Frank Rotondi. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and the warrant was read.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. Voted that the Town choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Passes Unanimous

Article 3. To hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. Voted that the Town hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Passes Unanimous

Motion made by Robert Sweeney, 6 Pleasant Street-Member of the Board of Selectmen, to advance Article 33 (the Budget) to be considered at this time.

Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
⅔ Vote Required to Advance
Fails Per Moderator

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. Voted that the Town fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2009 fiscal year as follows:

Town Moderator	$200
Board of Assessors	$1,200
Board of Selectmen	$3,000
Town Clerk	$62,000

Passes Unanimous

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $51,127 for the maintenance and improvement of Whip Hill Park or do anything in relation thereto.

Conservation Commission

Motion made by Michael Rora 296 Green Street to move this article until after Article 33 (the Budget).

Article 5. Voted that the Town appropriate $32,077 for the maintenance and improvement of Whip Hill Park, said sum to be transferred from Public Works Admin 400 and accept a gift of $30,000 from the Whip Hill Park Trust Fund to supplement the Whip Hill Park Budget.

Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Vote on Motion to Move Article
Majority Required
Fails Per Moderator
Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
Vote on Main Motion
Passes per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $350,000 to meet the Municipal Appropriation Requirement for the library's state certification.

Mary Doyle et al
6 Myrtle Street

Article 6. Voted that the Town transfer from stabilization funds the sum of $205,000 to meet the Municipal Appropriation Requirement for the library's certification.

Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
Passes Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw, Section 3.2 Location of Districts by deleting the date *October 26, 1998* and substituting *April 1, 2008*, so that it will read as follows:

3.2 LOCATION OF DISTRICTS:

Said districts are hereby established as shown on a map entitled "Stoneham, Massachusetts, Official Zoning Map", dated April 1, 2008. A true copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Said map, together with all explanatory information thereon, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this bylaw.

Planning Board

Article 7. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw, Section 3.2 Location of Districts by deleting the date *October 26, 1998* and substituting *April 1, 2008*, so that it will read as follows:

3.2 LOCATION OF DISTRICTS:

Said districts are hereby established as shown on a map entitled "Stoneham, Massachusetts, Official Zoning Map", dated April 1, 2008. A true copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Said map, together with all explanatory information thereon, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this bylaw.

⅔ Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

*Sent to Attorney General May 14, 2008
*Approved by Attorney General June 30, 2008

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw, by adding to Section 4.2.2.2(c) the following:

5. Maximum gross floor area of two hundred fifty (250) square feet for a lot that contains a swimming pool.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Charles F. Houghton et al
15 Kimball Drive

Article 8. Moved that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw, by adding to Section 4.2.2.2(c) as follows:

5. Maximum gross floor area of two hundred fifty (250) square feet for a lot that contains
a swimming pool.

Motion made by David Shurgin 224 Park Street Unit B1 to Indefinitely Postpone Article 8.

Voted to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes Per Moderator

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote for a Home Rule Petition requesting that the Town of Stoneham be exempt from the MGL 32B requiring the Town to negotiate with a Public Employee Committee to gain access to the GIC health coverage, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 9. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No. 9.

Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes Per Moderator

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Legislature for aSpecial Act transferring all "subscribers" in the Town of Stoneham, as defined in Section 19(a) of Chapter 32B of the General Laws, to the Group Insurance Commission (hereinafter also referred to as the "Commission") in order to provide health insurance coverage to all such subscribers. Said transfer of subscribers to take effect without: (i) subsequent vote of the Board of Selectmen or (ii) a written agreement between the Town and a public employee committee. The effective date of the transfer shall be July 1, 2009. The motion for this Article shall include, but not be limited to, provisions regarding the following: (1) the initial term of the transfer and provisions for revocation, withdrawal, cancellation and renewal thereof; (2) the health premium contributions splits by type of plan, including HMO Plans, PPO plans, Indemnity Plans, Medicare Enrollment, and any other existing plans (within the same health coverage plan the percentage contributed by the Town to the premium or cost of health coverage shall be the same for all subscribers covered pursuant to the Special Act. Said payments shall differ only by the type of coverage elected under the plan, individual, family, optional medicare extension or other; provided, however, that the percentage contributed by the Town may vary among the different health coverage plans offered pursuant to the Special Act); (3) the establishment of a public employee committee and its authority and duties subsequent to the transfer of subscribers, not otherwise specifically provided for in the proposed Special Act (the health premium contributions splits by type of plan is to be specifically provided for in the Special Act), including, but not limited to provisions regarding meetings between the Town and the public employee committee; (4) the Town making available to the public employee committee copies of correspondence between the Town and the Group Insurance Committee; (5) dispute resolution regarding the implementation of the Special Act and the transfer, consistent with the terms of the Special Act; (6) providing that the health insurance provided pursuant to the Special Act shall be binding on all active and retired employees for whom health coverage is being purchased; shall supersede any conflicting provisions of all collective bargaining agreements and Town bylaws and policies, and shall itself not be subject to supercedence in any statutory impasse proceeding under Chapter 152E of the General Laws; (7) serving subscribers who, by reason of residence or domicile, cannot be appropriately served within the service area of the health carrier or carriers provided, subject to the provisions of the Special Act; and (8) the authority of the Commission to negotiate and purchase health coverage for subscribers transferred, including the promulgation of regulations for coverage of such subscribers so transferred. The schedule of benefits available to such transferred subscribers shall be determined by the Commission in accordance with Chapter 32A of the General Laws. Said Commission shall offer such subscribers at least the same choice as to health carriers as is made

available to state employees. The Town's contribution to the cost of health coverage for such subscribers, shall be as determined under the Special Act, and shall not be subject to the provisions on contributions in said Chapter 32A. The Commission shall require the Town to collect and forward to the Commission the full premium or cost of coverage, including the subscriber's contribution; provided, that the Commission shall require the Town, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to forward to the Commission the full cost of at least one month's but not more than three month's premiums for such transferred subscribers thirty days prior to the effective date of said transfer. For the purpose of determining the cost to subscribers transferred pursuant hereto, the dollar amount payable by said subscribers shall be the same as the dollar amount paid by subscribers covered by the plan offered by the Town, distinguishing only by the type of plan, individual, family or optional medicare extension plan, in which the subscriber enrolls. The Commission may also charge the Town an administrative fee, to be determined by said Commission, which shall be paid by the Town and shall not be considered as part of the cost of coverage for purposes of determining the contributions of the Town and its employees to the cost of health coverage. Any such administrative fee charged hereunder shall be used by said Commission to pay any personnel or other costs associated with the administration of said plans.

Or do anything in relation hereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No. 10.

Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes Per Moderator

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Legislature to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981, as amended, "An Act Establishing a Selectmen, Town Administrator Form of Government for the Town of Stoneham", by:

1. Deleting Section 15 "Budgetary process – Town Administrator" as currently provided:

At least seventy-five days prior to the annual town meeting, the town administrator shall submit to the selectmen a careful, detailed estimate, in writing, of the probable expenditures of the town government for the ensuing fiscal year, stating the amount required to meet the interest and maturing bonds and notes or other outstanding indebtedness of the town and showing specifically the amount necessary to be provided for each fund and department, together with a statement of the expenditures of the town for the same purposes in the preceding year and an estimate of the expenditures for the current year. He shall also submit a statement showing all revenues received by the town in the preceding fiscal year together with an estimate of the receipts of the current year and an estimate of the amount of income

from all sources of revenue exclusive of taxes upon property in the ensuing year. He shall report the probable amount required to be levied and raised by taxation to defray all expenses and liabilities of the town together with an estimate of the tax rate necessary to raise said amount. For the purpose of enabling the town administrator to make up the annual estimates of expenditures, all boards, officers and committees of the town shall, at least ninety days prior to the annual town meeting furnish all information in their possession and submit to him in writing a detailed estimate of the appropriations required for the efficient and proper conduct of their respective departments during the next fiscal years.

and substitute the following:

At least eighty days prior to the annual town meeting, the town administrator shall submit to the selectmen and the finance and advisory board a careful, detailed estimate, in writing, of the probable expenditures of the town government for the ensuing fiscal year, stating the amount required to meet the interest and maturing bonds and notes or other outstanding indebtedness of the town and showing specifically the amount necessary to be provided for each fund and department, together with a statement of the expenditures of the town for the same purposes in the preceding year and an estimate of the expenditures for the current year. The town administrator shall also submit a statement showing all revenues received by the town in the preceding fiscal year together with an estimate of the receipts of the current year and an estimate of the amount of income from all sources of revenue exclusive of taxes upon property in the ensuing year. The town administrator shall report the probable amount required to be levied and raised by taxation to defray all expenses and liabilities of the town together with an estimate of the tax rate necessary to raise said amount. For the purpose of enabling the town administrator to make up the annual estimates of expenditures, all boards, officers and committees of the town shall, at least one hundred and ten days prior to the annual town meeting furnish all information in their possession and submit to the town administrator in writing a detailed estimate of the appropriations required for the efficient and proper conduct of their respective departments during the next fiscal year.

2. Deleting Section 16 "Budgetary process – Board of Selectmen" as currently provided:

The selectmen shall consider the tentative budget submitted by the town administrator and make such recommendations relative thereto as they deem expedient and proper in the interests of the town. On or before the fifty-fifth day prior to the annual town meeting, the selectmen shall transmit a copy of the budget, together with the recommendations, to the finance and advisory board.

and substitute the following:

The selectmen shall consider the tentative budget submitted by the town administrator and make such recommendations relative thereto to the finance and advisory board throughout the budget process, as they deem expedient and proper in the interests of the town. The finance and advisory board shall review the tentative budget of the town administrator and any general and/or specific recommendations made to it by the board of selectmen subsequent to the submission of the town administrator's budget. On or before the twenty-first day prior to the annual town meeting, the finance and advisory board shall meet with the board of selectmen to discuss the budget. Nothing herein shall be deemed to restrict or otherwise limit said boards from meeting at other times
prior and/or subsequent to said date. On or before the fourteenth day prior to the annual town meeting, the selectmen shall transmit a copy of its budget, together with its final recommendations to the finance and advisory board.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. Voted that the Town postpone the subject matter of Article 11.

Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes Per Moderator

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Legislature to enact a Special Act for the Town of Stoneham to establish and maintain a special account in which that portion of fees imposed and collected from users of the Town of Stoneham's arena for purpose of capital expenditures for said arena are placed in a separate account. Funds from said account may be expended by the Town Administrator without further appropriation only for purposes of capital expenditures at said arena. Funds in said account may not be used for any other purpose(s) without a two-thirds vote of the Town Meeting. Any interest earned on the funds shall be added to and become a part of the fund.

Or to do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 12. Voted that the Town petition the State Legislature to enact a Special Act for the Town of Stoneham to establish and maintain a special account in which that portion of fees imposed and collected from users of the Town of Stoneham's arena for the purpose of capital expenditures for said arena are placed in a separate account. Funds from said account may be expended by the Town Administrator without further appropriation only for purposes of capital expenditures at said arena. Funds in said account may not be used for any other purpose(s) without a two-thirds vote of the Town Meeting. Any interest earned on the funds shall be added to and become a part of the fund.

Majority Vote Required
Hand Count
Yes No
61 90
Fails Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Legislature for and/or in support of a Special Act to: (1) authorize and direct the Commonwealth's Division of Capital Asset Management ("DCAM") to market, sell and convey, through a competitive process, for no less than its fair market value, the parcel acquired in 2002 on Lynn Fells Parkway, described in Certificate of Title No. 225345, in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 1256, on Page 195 and shown as Lot 8 on Land Court Plan 34101-C ("the parcel"); (2) provide that any such conveyance is subject to an easement requiring the grantee to make available and maintain at its expense ten parking spaces in an accessible location chosen by the grantee to be available for use by the public during the hours the Middlesex Fells Reservation is open, as set by DCR; (3) direct DCAM to contract - within 180 days of the legislation's effective date - with an independent appraiser who shall determine the Parcel's fair market value, taking into account the above easement; (4) direct DCAM to issue a request for proposals relative to the Parcel within one year of the legislation's effective date or within 60 days of receipt of such appraisal whichever is later; (5) direct that 95% of the proceeds of any such conveyance be paid to the DCR, and deposited into its Conservation Trust, with the other 5% paid to Stoneham; (6) direct that all appraisal costs be paid by the grantee; (7) comply with the home rule procedures provided under Mass. Const. Amend. Art. 2, § 8 as amended by Art. 89, if required by applicable law; and be (8) consistent with and for enactment pursuant to Mass. Const. Amend. Art. 49, as amended by Art. 97.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 13. Voted that the Town petition the State Legislature for and/or in support of a Special Act to: (1) authorize and direct the Commonwealth's Division of Capital Asset Management ("DCAM") to market, sell and convey, through a competitive process, for no less than its fair market value, the parcel acquired in 2002 on Lynn Fells Parkway, described in Certificate of Title No. 225345, in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 1256, on Page 195 and shown as Lot 8 on Land Court Plan 34101-C ("the parcel"); (2) provide that any such conveyance is subject to an easement requiring the grantee to make available and maintain at its expense ten parking spaces in an accessible location chosen by the grantee to be available for use by the public during the hours the Middlesex Fells Reservation is open, as set by DCR; (3) direct DCAM to contract - within 180 days of the legislation's effective date - with an independent appraiser who shall determine the Parcel's fair market value, taking into account the above easement; (4) direct DCAM to issue a request for proposals relative to the Parcel within one year of the legislation's effective date or within 60 days of receipt of such

appraisal whichever is later; (5) direct that 95% of the proceeds of any such conveyance be paid to the DCR, and deposited into its Conservation Trust, with the other 5% paid to Stoneham; (6) direct that all appraisal costs be paid by the grantee; (7) comply with the home rule procedures provided under Mass. Const. Amend. Art. 2, § 8 as amended by Art. 89, if required by applicable law; and be (8) consistent with and for enactment pursuant to Mass. Const. Amend. Art. 49, as amended by Art. 97.

Majority Vote Required
Passes per Moderator

*Sent to Representatives Casey & Natale and Senator Tisei on May 13, 2008

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to petition the legislature to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981, as amended, by:

Deleting from Section 10, Paragraph (c) the words "which shall be updated biennially"; or to do anything in relation thereto.

John M. DeGeorge et al
148 Franklin Street

Article 14. Voted that the Town petition the legislature to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981, "An Act Establishing a Selectmen-Town Administrator Form of Government" as amended; by deleting from Sec. 10 (c) the words "which shall be updated biennially" so that the amended said paragraph reads as follows:
"(c) In carrying out the activities related to personnel, the town administrator shall be governed by all applicable aspects of the personnel by-laws. In matters relating to hours and working conditions and related functions, those set out in the personnel by-laws or those covered by collective bargaining agreement shall be adhered to by all officials."

Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
Majority Vote Required
Fails Per Moderator

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-3, by deleting 7:30 p.m. and inserting 7:00 p.m. so that it will read as follows:

Sec. 2-3. Annual Meeting-Adjourned sessions.

All business of the annual town meeting except the election and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined at the first session of such meeting, shall be considered at an adjournment thereof which adjournment shall be held on the first Monday in May at 7:00 P.M. and on the following Thursday at 7:00 P.M. and every consecutive Monday and Thursday thereafter at 7:00 P.M. until the business before the town in the annual meeting warrant is completed.

Board of Selectmen

Article 15. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-3, by deleting 7:30 p.m. and inserting 7:00 p.m. so that it will read as follows:

Sec. 2-3. Annual Meeting-Adjourned sessions.

All business of the annual town meeting except the election and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined at the first session of such meeting, shall be considered at an adjournment thereof which adjournment shall be held on the first Monday in May at 7:00 P.M. and on the following Thursday at 7:00 P.M. and every consecutive Monday and Thursday thereafter at 7:00 P.M. until the business before the town in the annual meeting warrant is completed.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

*sent to Attorney General May 14, 2008
*Approved by Attorney General June 30, 2008

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 5, Section 5A-22 of the Stoneham Town Code by adding the phrase "at the discretion of the Fire Chief" so that said section will read as follows (the additional phrase added by this amendment is underlined below):

Section 5A-22. Master-connected Fire Alarm Systems.

Any multi-family with the minimum number of dwelling units as established by regulation of the Stoneham Fire Department, commercial, or educational building whether new or existing that is erected or substantially altered containing greater than 5,000 square feet of floor area shall be master-connected to the Town of Stoneham's Fire Alarm System at the discretion of the Fire Chief or his designee. The system shall be approved by the Fire Chief, or his designee, and shall be compatible with the Town of Stoneham's Fire Alarm system in existence at the time of application, as determined by the Fire Chief, or his designee.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Joseph W. Rolli
Fire Chief

Article 16. Voted that the Town amend Chapter 5, Section 5A-22 of the Stoneham Town Code by adding the phrase "at the discretion of the Fire Chief" so that said section will read as follows (the additional phrase added by this amendment is underlined below):

Section 5A-22. Master-connected Fire Alarm Systems.

Any multi-family with the minimum number of dwelling units as established by regulation of the Stoneham Fire Department, commercial, or educational building whether new or existing that is erected or substantially altered containing greater than

5,000 square feet of floor area shall be master-connected to the Town of Stoneham's Fire Alarm System at the discretion of the Fire Chief or his designee. The system shall be approved by the Fire Chief, or his designee, and shall be compatible with the Town of Stoneham's Fire Alarm system in existence at the time of application, as determined by the Fire Chief, or his designee.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

*Sent to Attorney General May 14, 2008
*Approved by Attorney General June 30, 2008

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to lease the Senior Center for up to ten (10) years to a nonprofit organization with the purpose of operating, maintaining, and providing services to Stoneham's senior citizens within the current senior center, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 17. Voted that the Town lease the Senior Center for up to ten (10) years to a nonprofit organization with the purpose of operating, maintaining, and providing services to Stoneham's senior citizens within the current senior center.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purpose of using receipts generated through permit fees charged for field usage at Broadway Park, Recreation Park, Pomeworth Park, East School Field, Colonial Park School Field, Robin Hood Field, and the High School Field to pay the costs of maintaining these fields, and authorize expenditures by the DPW Director, not to exceed $125,000 during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18. Voted that the Town establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purpose of using receipts generated through permit fees charged for field usage at Broadway Park, Recreation Park, Pomeworth Park, East School Field, Colonial Park School Field, Robin Hood Field, and the High School Field to pay the costs of maintaining these fields, and authorize expenditures by the DPW Director, not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($125,000) during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Motion to Adjourn until Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall. Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 PM.

The Annual Town Meeting reconvened at the Town Hall on May 8, 2008.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall on May 8, 2008 and the checklist showed 200 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:39 PM. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and the warrant was read.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from operating the Arena concession, vending, and pro shop along with the receipts generated from advertisement fees at the Arena location to pay for the costs incurred in providing the concession, vending and pro shop services as well as help offset the repair and maintenance costs, utility costs, capital equipment costs, and building improvements for the Arena Facility and authorize expenditures by the Arena Manager, not to exceed $100,000 during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2008 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 19. Voted that the Town reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from operating the Arena concession, vending, and pro shop along with the receipts generated from advertisement fees at the Arena location to pay for the costs incurred in providing the concession, vending and pro shop services as well as help offset the repair and maintenance costs, utility costs, capital equipment costs, and building improvements for the Arena Facility and authorize expenditures by the Arena Manager, not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2008 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
Majority Vote Required
Hand Count

Yes	No
68	76

Fails Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through the sale of compost and recycling bins and other recycling revenues to pay the cost of the Recycling Program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the DPW Director, not to exceed $100,000 during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2008 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 20. Voted that the Town reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through the sale of compost and recycling bins and other recycling revenues to pay the cost of the Recycling Program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the DPW Director, not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2008 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Majority Vote Required
Fails Per Moderator

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the Senior Center main building only to pay the cleaning and maintenance costs of the Senior Center, and authorize expenditures by the Senior Center Director, not to exceed $30,000 during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2008 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 21. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No. 21.

Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes Per Moderator

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the Fire Station to pay the utility, cleaning and maintenance costs, and capital improvements of the Fire Station, and authorize expenditures by the Fire Chief, not to exceed $20,000 during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2008 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 22. Voted that the Town reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from the contract between Action Ambulance and the Town of Stoneham for renting space at the Fire Station to pay the utility, cleaning and maintenance costs, and capital improvements of the Fire Station, and authorize expenditures by the Fire Chief, not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2008 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through registration fees and other revenues for Recreation Programs to pay the costs of the Recreation program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Program Coordinator, not to exceed $200,000 during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2008 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 23. Voted that the Town reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through registration fees and other revenues for Recreation Programs to pay the costs of the Recreation program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Program Coordinator, not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000) during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2008 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for transportation services at the Senior Center to pay the costs associated with providing these services, and authorize expenditures by the Senior Center Director, not to exceed $30,000 during Fiscal Year 2009 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2008 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 24. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No. 24.

Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes Per Moderator

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to amend the Fiscal Year 2008 department budgets approved under Article 40 of the May 7, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, as amended. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 25. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($46,250) to amend the Fiscal Year 2008 department budgets approved under Article 40 of the May 7, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, as amended and as explained in Exhibit A.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Amend the following Departmental Budgets:

Dept. #	Department	Salaries	Operating	Total	
123	Town Administrator	$5,000	$10,000	$15,000	OT for Dog Officer & Benefits Admin.
132	Finance Board Reserve		($39,134)	($39,134)	Funds Snow and Ice Deficit
135	Town Accountant	$1,000		$1,000	Contract Settlements
141	Assessors	($5,000)		($5,000)	employee dropped family health plan
145	Treasurer	($15,000)		($15,000)	Asst. Treasurer position not immediately filled
155	MIS Dept.	$1,000		$1,000	Contract Settlements
182	Planning Bd/BOA/CC	$1,000		$1,000	Contract Settlements
220	Fire Department	($20,000)	$9,000	($11,000)	Savings from Vacancies; Veh Sup ($5K); Pub Safety ($4K)
398	Minuteman Voc. School		$2,000	$2,000	Needed to cover 2nd half assessment
400	Public Works Department		$172,500	$172,500	Needed to cover portion of Snow and Ice Deficit
510	Board of Health	($5,000)		($5,000)	vacancy not filled
541	Council on Aging	($5,000)		($5,000)	vacancy not filled
542	Youth Commission		$3,000	$3,000	Reclassify Youth Comm. Capital

543	Veterans Department		$14,134	$14,134	More claims from Qualifying Veterans
630	Unicorn Golf/Arena	($20,000)	$20,000	$0	Higher electricity and water costs at Arena
					Fund Snow and Ice Deficit (Add $11K
918	Capital		($58,750)	($58,750)	Fire Capital;)
919	Unclassified		($24,500)	($24,500)	savings in health insurance
	Net change to FY08 Budgets	($62,000)	$108,250	$46,250	

Reduce Estimated Sewer Receipts	($250,000)	Lower consumption & collections
		Leaves approx $250K in Sewer Retained
Sewer Surplus	$250,000	Earnings
Transfer from Ins. Reimb. < $20,000 Revolving	$40,000	
Transfer from Rental of Tax Possession Prop. Revolving	$6,250	
Funds Available		$46,250
Surplus/(Shortfall)		$0

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the Board of Assessors to pay for the costs of Interim Year Adjustments for all real estate and for an Update of all real estate and personal property. Such funding shall come from the Overlay Surplus Account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 26. Voted that the Town appropriate a sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) for the Board of Assessors to pay for the costs of Interim Year Adjustments for all real estate and for an Update of all real estate and personal property. Such funding shall come from the Overlay Surplus Account.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Dollars ($155,000) to fund costs associated with the repair and/or replacement of rink boards and glass; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to One Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Dollars ($155,000) under Chapter 44 of the Mass. General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 27. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Dollars ($155,000) to fund costs associated with the repair and/or replacement of rink boards and glass; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to One Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Dollars ($155,000) under Chapter 44 of the Mass. General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

⅔Vote Required
Passes Unanimous
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to fund related costs for the replacement of original sections of the Stoneham High School roof at a cost not to exceed $200,000,

Or do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 28. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No. 28.

Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes Per Moderator

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $30,000 for the purpose of embellishing Lindenwood Cemetery by hiring part-time help, purchasing equipment, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 29. Voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Income Fund Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) for the purpose of embellishing Lindenwood Cemetery by hiring part-time help, purchasing equipment.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintain the water system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 30. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from Estimated Water Receipts Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000) for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintain the water system within the limits of the Town.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintain the sewer system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 31. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from Estimated Sewer Receipts Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000) for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintain the sewer system within the limits of the Town.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the total amount of Fiscal Year 2008 Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to the Stabilization Fund Account immediately after it has been certified by the Department of Revenue; or do anything in relation there to.

John M. DeGeorge et al
148 Franklin Street

Article 32. Voted that the Town transfer the total amount of Fiscal Year 2008 Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to the Stabilization Fund Account immediately after it has been certified by the Department of Revenue.

⅔Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, such sums as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including debt and interest and a reserve fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 33. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds the sum of Fifty-Eight Million Five Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars ($58,574,358) to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including the Town operating budget for the year beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; said sum as itemized on Exhibit B.

Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Passes Per Moderator

DEPARTMENT	FY09 BUDGET PERSONNEL		OPERATING	TOTAL	
114 Town Moderator	$5,755		$20	$5,775	
122 Board of Selectmen	$81,059		$13,797	$94,856	
123 Town Administrator	$316,066		$41,500	$357,566	
132 Reserve Fund	$0		$73,706	$73,706	
135 Town Accountant	$223,323		$2,600	$225,923	
141 Board of Assessors	$139,611		$4,600	$144,211	
145 Treasurer	$211,333		$26,880	$238,213	
151 Town Counsel	$106,071		$17,225	$123,296	
155 GIS/MIS	$75,751		$113,953	$189,704	
161 Town Clerk	$142,871		$5,700	$148,571	
162 Elections & Registrations	$36,798		$35,900	$72,698	
172 Whiphill Park	$19,050	*	$10,950	$30,000	
182 Planning Bd/BOA/Conserv.	$28,747		$1,650	$30,397	
192 Public Property Maint.	$24,172		$94,112	$118,284	
210 Police Department	$3,361,254		$217,345	$3,578,599	
211 Traffic Directors	$118,872		$4,000	$122,872	
212 Dispatchers	$351,990		$4,870	$356,860	
220 Fire Department	$2,661,115		$142,303	$2,803,418	
241 Building & Wire	$188,967		$8,500	$197,467	
291 Civil Defense	$5,000		$0	$5,000	
300 Public Schools	$0		$24,792,346	$24,792,346	
398 Minuteman Voc. School	$0		$38,000	$38,000	
399 Northeast Voc. School	$0		$590,169	$590,169	
400 Public Works Admin.	$892,522	**	$2,309,405	$3,201,927	
440 Sewer	$518,400		$3,891,825	$4,410,225	
450 Water	$532,801		$2,885,650	$3,418,451	
510 Board of Health	$148,769		$2,140	$150,909	
541 Council on Aging	$0		$30,000	$30,000	
543 Veterans	$10,455		$64,050	$74,505	
610 Public Library	$452,799		$116,503	$569,302	***
630 Unicorn Golf	$259,997		$327,950	$587,947	
631 Arena	$165,507		$319,400	$484,907	

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DEPARTMENT	FY09 BUDGET		
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
710 Maturing Debt & Interest	$0	$4,868,555	$4,868,555
910 Noncontributory Pension	$0	$55,000	$55,000
911 Contributory Pension	$0	$3,638,123	$3,638,123
919 Unclassified	$0	$2,710,491	$2,710,491
920 Non-Departmental	$0	$36,085	$36,085
	$11,079,055	$47,495,303	$58,574,358

*This FY09 Personnel Budget will be $32,077 higher based on vote taken on Article #5 at the 5/5/08 Annual Town Meeting.

**This FY09 Personnel Budget be $32,077 lower based on vote taken on Article #5 at the 5/5/08 Annual Town Meeting.

***This FY09 Budget will be $205,000 higher based on vote taken on Article #6 at the 5/5/08 Annual Town Meeting

Said Sum to be raised or transferred as follows:	
Revenue of the Current Year	$49,822,550
FY08 B&M Settlement	$90,000
FY08 Medicaid Part D Subsidy	$50,000
FY07 School encumbrances	$11,000
By transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Income Fund	$28,000
By transfer from the Sale of Lots & Graves Res. For Approp.	$65,000
By transfer from the Sale of Dog License Fund	$8,000
By transfer from the Whip Hill Trust	$30,000
By transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account	$135,000
By transfer from the Estimated Sewer Receipts to:	
Department #440 Sewer Department	$4,410,225
Department #710 Debt Service	$89,760
Department #135 Town Accountant	$18,494
Department #145 Town Treasurer	$19,430
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	$13,748
Department #911 Contributory Pension	$129,928
Department #919 Unclassified Budget	$37,471
By transfer from the Estimated Water Receipts to:	
Department #450 Sewer Department	$3,418,451
Department #135 Town Accountant	$14,605
Department #145 Town Treasurer	$15,344
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	$10,857
Department #911 Contributory Pension	$135,590
Department #919 Unclassified Budget	$20,905
Total Estimated Revenues	$58,574,358
Surplus/(Deficit)	$0

Motion to Dissolve.
Meeting Dissolved at 10:45 PM.

Minutes for Special Town Meeting
Monday, May 5, 2008

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street, on

Monday, May 5, 2008

at 8:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 200 voters were inside the meeting.
Moderator Michael Rotondi called the Special Town Meeting to order at 10:45 PM on May 8, 2008.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court (the State Legislature) to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981, as amended, entitled "An Act Establishing a Selectmen-Administrator Form of Government For The Town of Stoneham", by amending Section 10(a) which currently provides as follows:

The town administrator shall supervise and direct all departments, commissions, boards and offices, excluding elected officials, departments and staff under elected officials, election officers, registrars of voters, boards appointed by the board of selectmen, the finance and advisory board, the town counsel and the town accountant.

so as to increase the town administrator's responsibility and authority to supervise and direct departments, offices, employees and staff, including certain departments, offices, employees and staff within or under elected boards. Said amended Section 10(a) to read in a manner similar to the following:

The town administrator shall supervise and direct all departments, commissions, boards, offices, employees and staff, including all departments, offices, employees and staff within or under elected boards, except as follows: elected officials; election officers; registrars of voters; the town clerk's office, employees, and staff; boards and committees appointed by the board of selectmen; the officers and employees appointed by the board of selectmen (including the town accountant, town counsel and board of selectmen's office manager); the public schools (school department); and the finance and advisory board.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 1. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No. 1.

Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes Per Moderator

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 13, Streets and Sidewalks, by adding a new Section 13-13, regulating printed material vending machines (e.g. newsracks, newspaper boxes, advertiser boxes, etc.) on Town owned or controlled property, including public ways, including, but not limited to provisions and requirements regarding: permitting process, applications; review process; certificates and certificates of compliance; fees; allowed and/or authorized and unauthorized locations; type, size, number, and manner of placement of newsracks or other equipment authorized or otherwise permitted; additional standards, including attachment(s), clearance, installation, usage, maintenance, safety, and appearance; prohibitions and/or limits on advertising unrelated to the display or sale of the publication; compliance review and requirements; insurance and indemnification; removal; abandonment; fines and penalties, including non-criminal disposition enforcement and fines (including the amendment of Chapter 1, Section 1-4A of the Stoneham Town Code "Non-Criminal Disposition" to include said non-criminal disposition subjects, enforcing person(s) and fines); process and fees for removal and storage by or on behalf of the Town; promulgation of regulations pursuant to the bylaw by the Town Administrator; effective date; and severability. And further to address as necessary in the same bylaw or another Section in said Chapter 13, the regulation, process and requirements regarding any other structure, equipment or street "furniture" on public property, including public ways, to the extent deemed relevant by the Town to the regulation of printed material vending machines.

Or to do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. Voted that the town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No. 2.

Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes Per Moderator

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 9 "Offenses – Miscellaneous" by adding a new section – Section 9-16 regarding litter, rubbish and refuse on public property, including public ways, its prohibitation and enforcement, fines and penalties therefore, including, but not limited to: definitions and standards therefore, placement in containers; disturbing containers; removal; enforcement and penalties, including non-criminal disposition enforcement and penalties (including the amendment of Chapter 1, Section 1-4A of the Stoneham Town Code "Non-Criminal Disposition" to include said non-criminal disposition subjects, enforcing person(s) and fines); and severability.

Or to do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 9 "Offenses – Miscellaneous" by adding a new section, Section 9-16, regarding litter on Town of Stoneham property, as follows:

Section 9-16. Littering on Town Property – Prohibited.

(a) Purpose. The purpose of this bylaw is to prevent littering on property owned or controlled by the Town of Stoneham so as to improve the beauty and quality of life in Stoneham.

(b) Unlawful Acts. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to throw, dump, place, deposit, or leave litter, or to cause or permit the throwing, dumping, placing, depositing, throwing, or leaving of litter, in any manner, on any property owned or controlled by the Town of Stoneham, including, but not limited to any Town owned or controlled public way, sidewalk, park or playground, unless:

(i) The area is designated by the Town for the disposal of litter and the person is authorized by the proper Town authority to so use such area;

or

(ii) The litter is placed into an authorized litter receptacle or container

(c) Definition of Litter. For purposes of this bylaw, "litter" shall mean any discarded or abandoned garbage, refuse, rubbish, junk, bottle, can, paper product, or other material(s).

(d) Rules and Regulations. The Town Administrator may promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this bylaw.

(e) Penalties.

(i) Any person violating this bylaw shall be subject to a penalty pursuant to Section 1-4 of the Town of Stoneham Bylaws.

(ii) Violation of this bylaw may also be enforced by non-criminal disposition in the manner provided by Section 1-4A of the Town of Stoneham Bylaws by any Town police officer. The specific non-criminal disposition penalty which shall apply to a violation of this bylaw shall be as follows:

First Offense:	Warning
Second Offense:	$200
Third Offense	$300

The enforcement of this bylaw by non-criminal disposition as described herein shall be added to the list of bylaws so designated for such enforcement in Section 1-4A of the these Bylaws.

(iii) Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(f) Severability. The invalidity of any portion or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other portion or provision hereof.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

*Sent to Attorney General May 14, 2008
*Approved by Attorney General's Office June 23, 2008

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Administrator to lease or rent a portion of the Stoneham Fire Station, 25 Central Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts and/or the Stoneham (Unicorn) Arena, 101 Montvale Avenue, Stoneham, Massachusetts, to a wireless service provider(s) and/or other communications company(s) for wireless communications, pursuant to Section 10(h) of the Town of Stoneham Selectmen-Administrator Act (Chapter 26 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981, as amended) and Chapter 40, Sections 3 and 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

And to further see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court (the State Legislature) for a special act to allow a portion of said funds to be placed in a special account for the Stoneham Fire Department facilities and equipment.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Town Administrator

Article 4. Voted that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to lease or rent a portion of the Stoneham Fire Station, 25 Central Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts to a wireless service provider(s) and/or other communications company(s) for wireless communications, pursuant to Section 10(h) of the Town of Stoneham Selectmen-Administrator Act (Chapter 26 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981, as amended).

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to lease the Stoneham Arena, 101 Montvale Avenue, (including its operation, management, maintenance, repair and/or capital improvements) for a period of up to ten (10) years, pursuant to the provision of Section 10(h) of the Town of Stoneham Selectmen-Administrator Act (Chapter 26 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981, as amended) and the applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. And to authorize the Town Administrator to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. Voted that the town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No. 5.

Majority Vote Required
Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes Per Moderator

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article No. 4 of the October 18, 2007 Special Town Meeting to allow the Town to use up to the Twenty Thousand Dollar ($20,000) amount appropriated under this article for the purpose of performing two studies: 1) to determine if there is a preferential use of the Stoneham Oaks Par 3 site; and 2) to analyze the condition of the Arena Facility, and to further authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditures; or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. Voted that the Town amend Article No. 4 of the October 18, 2007 Special Town Meeting to allow the Town to use up to the Twenty Thousand Dollar ($20,000) amount appropriated under this article for the purpose of performing two studies: 1) to determine if there is a preferential use of the Stoneham Oaks Par 3 site; and 2) to analyze the condition of the Arena Facility, and to further authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditures.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Motion to Dissolve Special Town Meeting
Meeting Dissolved at 11:07 PM.

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street, on

Monday, October 20, 2008

at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles of this Warrant:

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 119 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:15 PM. He thanked the Town's organist Bruce Netten for playing. Moderator Rotondi led the Pledge of Allegiance and the warrant was read.

Moderator Michael Rotondi stepped down as Moderator for Article #1 because a relative of his owns the land where the billboard would be placed.

Motion was made for Selectman Richard Gregorio 17 Crystal Drive to step in as Moderator for Article #1. Motion Passed Per Moderator.

Article 1. To see if the Town of Stoneham will vote to amend Section 6.7 SIGNS of the Town of Stoneham Zoning By-Laws by amending or adding the following sections:

Section 6.7.5 Prohibited Signs

(b) Off-premise signs and billboards, except for non-commercial signs and signage permitted pursuant to Sections 6.7.6 (e) and 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.6 Permitted Signs

(e) Off -Premise and billboard signs are permitted by Special Permit in the Commercial I Zoning District, subject to the procedures and requirements in Section 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.8 Off-Premise and billboard sign -- Procedures:

Section 6.7.8.1 Applications: Off-Premise and billboard signs shall be permitted in the Commercial I Zoning District only by grant of a Special Permit issued by the Planning Board. Any person desiring a Special Permit under this section shall submit a Special Permit application to the Planning Board together with a filing fee of $1,000.00 and ten (10) copies of the application materials as outlined below:

(a) Site Plan and area maps identifying the following features:

i. Location of any existing buildings, parking spaces and traffic circulation pattern on the subject parcel;
ii. Proximity of nearest residentially used and residentially zoned property utilizing current area photographs and Stoneham Assessors Maps;

iii. Specific location of proposed off-premise or billboard sign; and,
iv. Details of proposed buffer/landscaping area around signage including species and caliper of trees and/or shrubbery.

(b) Off-Premise or billboard sign details shall include the following information:

i. Detailed dimensions and area of any proposed single or multi-faced sign;
ii. Detail sheet of any proposed support structure specifying dimensions and construction type. Upon request by the Planning Board or the Building Inspector, the Applicant shall provide a structural analysis of the support structure stamped by a licensed structural engineer; and,
iii. Lighting proposal, including cut sheets of all proposed lighting fixtures to be either attached to the sign, structure or affixed to the ground.

(c) Additional Requirements:

i. Authorization from the property owner (i.e., lease, etc.) granting permission to install proposed signage;
ii. Authorization, as necessary, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or the Federal Government; and,

iii. Any additional information as may be required by the Planning Board to assist the Board in determining whether the application complies with the intent and requirements of this Section 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.8.2 Dimensional Restrictions and Design Guidelines: All signage proposals shall be designed in compliance with the following requirements:

1. Signage shall be permitted in the Commercial I Zoning District only provided, however, that said signage shall be located no further than 100' from any interstate highway layout and on a lot containing a minimum area of three (3) acres;
2. Signage shall not have excessive lighting nor shall it have any mechanical or moving parts which would, in the opinion of the Board would have the effect of causing a hazard to motorists.
3. Signage shall not create a visual impediment or impact to any abutting or adjacent residentially zoned or used property;
4. No portable signs shall be permitted. All signage must be permanently affixed to a main support structure;
5. There shall be no more than one off-premises or billboard sign permitted for every 1500 linear feet of Commercial I frontage which directly abuts an interstate highway layout. This calculation shall be based on the current Zoning Map and such calculation shall be submitted by the Applicant to the Planning Board as part of the application materials.
6. An off-premises or billboard sign may be double sided. An individual sign or sign face shall not exceed 672 square feet in total area on each side and shall not exceed 14 feet in height x 48 feet in width.
7. An off-premises or billboard sign may be mounted on a pedestal or other support structure which may not exceed 40 feet in height from the elevation of the Interstate Highway immediately adjacent thereto to the highest point of the billboard sign;
8. Signage lighting or other illumination related to the proposed sign shall not project, glare or negatively impact abutting properties and shall not shine onto abutting roadways;
9. The Applicant shall provide a 10' wide landscaped buffer around the base of the support structure to minimize any visual impacts.

Section 6.7.8.3 Criteria for Approval: The Planning Board shall not approve any applications for a Special Permit under Section 6.7.8 unless it finds that all of the following conditions are met or are incorporated into any Special Permit decision:

1. The specific site is an appropriate location for the proposed sign and the design and layout complies with the standards set forth in these procedures and requirements;
2. The proposed sign will not adversely affect the abutting neighborhood or have the effect of causing a hazard to motorists;
3. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.2 "Certificate of Insurance";
4. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.3 "Location of sign; inclusion of permit number on sign";
5. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.5 "Maintenance; inspection"'
6. All permits are subject to any necessary approvals and conditions issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or the Federal Government; and,
7. The Planning Board, in granting the special permit, shall attach such additional conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary.

Section 6.7.8.4 Sign Maintenance: If a sign permitted under Section 6.7.8 is abandoned or is in disrepair for a period of ninety (90) days, it shall be cause for its removal. The Building Inspector shall notify the owner and/or manager of the sign and property owner in writing, specifying a forty-five (45) day period to remove or repair said sign otherwise upon expiration of the forty-five (45) day period the sign permit shall be revoked. If the sign has not been removed or repaired within the time period to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector, the Building Inspector shall cause the sign to be removed forthwith. All expenses for the removal shall be borne by the sign owner and/or property owner as determined by the Building Inspector.

If the Building Inspector determines that a sign is an immediate threat to public safety irrespective of any stays granted to the sign and/or property owner, the Building Inspector may cause any sign, abandoned or not, and any portion of its support structure if deemed part of the public threat, to be immediately removed, and/or the threatened public area cordoned off. All expenses for protecting the public, including the removal of said sign or stabilization of the public safety threat, shall be borne by the sign owner and/or property owner as determined by the Building Inspector. A sign which is not abandoned may be returned to its original position, but only after repairs have been made and the public safety threat abated, to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector.

Section 6.7.8.5 Surety: The Applicant shall provide a financial surety to the Town which will cover the cost of the removal of any sign which is found to be abandoned or is in disrepair, as determined under Section 6.7.8.4. The Applicant shall deposit with the Town Accountant a surety in the amount of which shall be determined by the Planning

Board at the time of the Application. Upon removal of the sign by the Town (if required), any remaining funds shall be returned to the Applicant.
Commercial I

Sign Type Allowed	* Permit Required	Max Sign Area	* Max Height Ft.	* Front Setback	* Side Setback	Max Number	Comment
off-premise & billboard signage - Permitted in Commercial I District only	Y *Permitted by Special Permit	672 SF per sign face- Not to exceed 14'x48' per sign face	40' above the elevation of the Interstate Highway immediately adjacent thereto	NA * no more than 100' from Interstate Highway Layout	NA * no more than 100' from Interstate Highway Layout	See Section 6.7.8	See Section 6.7.8 for additional restrictions and guidelines

This article shall be conditioned upon and subject to a Development Agreement being entered into by the Town through its Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator.

Or to act in any other manner in relation thereto.

Charles F. Houghton et al
15 Kimball Drive

Article 1. Voted that the Town of Stoneham will amend Section 6.7 SIGNS of the Town of Stoneham Zoning By-Laws by amending or adding the following sections:

Section 6.7.5 Prohibited Signs

(b) Off-premise signs and billboards, except for non-commercial signs and signs permitted pursuant to Sections 6.7.6 (e) and 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.6 Permitted Signs

(e) Off -Premise and billboard signs are permitted by Special Permit in the Commercial I Zoning District, subject to the procedures and requirements in Section 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.8 Off-Premise and billboard sign:

Section 6.7.8.1 Applications: Off-Premise and billboard signs (hereinafter also referred to as "signs" in this Section 6.7.8) shall be permitted in the Commercial I Zoning District only by grant of a Special Permit issued by the Planning Board. Special permits may be limited to a term of years specified by the Planning Board. Any person desiring a Special Permit under this section shall submit a Special Permit application to the Planning Board together with a filing fee of $2,500.00 and ten (10) copies of the application materials as outlined below:

(a) Site Plan and area maps identifying the following features:

i. Location of any existing buildings, parking spaces and traffic circulation pattern on the subject parcel;
ii. Proximity of nearest residentially used and residentially zoned property utilizing current area photographs and Stoneham Assessors Maps;
iii. Specific location of proposed sign;
iv. Details of proposed buffer/landscaping area around signage including species and caliper of trees and/or shrubbery;
v. Location of an existing sign(s) on the parcel, including any signs on a building; and
vi. Photographs or architectural depiction of proposed sign.

(b) Sign details shall include the following information:

i. Detailed dimensions and area of any proposed single or multi-faced sign;
ii. Detail sheet of any proposed support structure specifying dimensions and construction type. Upon request by the Planning Board or the Building Inspector, the Applicant shall provide a structural analysis of the support structure stamped by a licensed structural engineer; and,
iii. Lighting proposal, including cut sheets of all proposed lighting fixtures to be either attached to the sign, structure or affixed to the ground.

(c) Additional Requirements:

i. Authorization from the property owner (i.e., lease, etc.) granting permission to install proposed signage; and
ii. Any additional information as may be required by the Planning Board to assist the Board in determining whether the application complies with the intent and requirements of this Section 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.8.2 Dimensional Restrictions and Design Guidelines: All signs shall be in compliance with the following requirements:

1. Signs shall be permitted in the Commercial I Zoning District, provided, however, that no sign shall be located further than 100' from any interstate

highway layout or on a lot containing less than three (3) acres in area;

2. Signs shall not create a material visual impact to any abutting or adjacent residentially zoned and used property in the Town of Stoneham;
3. All signs must be permanently affixed to a main support structure. No portable signs shall be permitted;
4. Signs shall not have excessive lighting. Electronic signs shall use automatic level controls to reduce light levels at night and under cloudy or other darkened conditions.
5. Exposed back of signs, poles and other support structures must be painted in a color and finished so as to present an attractive and finished appearance which will blend with the natural surroundings.
6. The following types of signs are prohibited:

   (i) Animated, projected, moving or giving the illusion of movement (including any moving parts), scrolling, flashing, revolving, blinking, and intermittently illuminated signs, beacons (or any light directed at any location other than the sign itself), searchlights, pennants, and inflatable signs, including ballons;

   (ii) Signs with physical movements or any kind;

   (iii) Changeable copy or message signs that change at intervals of more than once every eight (8) seconds. Changes of image shall be instantaneous as seen to the human eye and shall not use fading, rolling, window shading, dissolving or similar effects;

   (iv) Tri-vision signs:

   (v) Video signs or signs that otherwise give the illusion of video or moving images;

   (vi) Signs with sound;

   (vii) Signs with pyrotechnics;

   (viii) Signs which by reason of position, wording, illustration, size, shape or color obstruct, impair, obscure, interfere with the view of, or may be confused with any traffic control signal or device or which may otherwise obstruct or interfere with traffic.

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7. There shall be no more than one sign for each one thousand five hundred (1500) linear feet along the interstate highway layout in the Commercial I Zoning District. This calculation shall be based on the Zoning Map and such calculation shall be submitted by the Applicant to the Planning Board as part of the application materials.
8. A sign may be double sided. An individual sign or sign face shall not exceed six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet in total area on each side and shall not exceed fourteen (14) feet in height by forty-eight (48) feet in width, as calculated pursuant to Section 6.7.3.1 of these Zoning Bylaws;
9. A sign shall be mounted on a pedestal or other support structure. The top of the sign shall not exceed fifty (50) feet in height from the elevation of the Interstate Highway immediately adjacent thereto. The bottom of the sign shall not exceed seventy (70) feet in height from the normal grade as calculated pursuant to Section 6.7.3.3 of these Zoning Bylaws;
10. There shall be no sign, including a roof sign, on any building, whether erected or otherwise placed or painted on the building;
11. No sign shall be on or otherwise attached to a tree, utility pole, fence or rock.
12. Lighting or other illumination related to the proposed sign shall not project, glare or negatively impact abutting properties and shall not shine onto abutting roadways;
13. The Applicant shall provide a 10' wide landscaped buffer around the base of the support structure to minimize its visual impact.

Section 6.7.8.3 Criteria for Approval: The Planning Board shall not approve any applications for a Special Permit under Section 6.7.8 unless it finds that all of the following conditions are met and/or are incorporated into any Special Permit decision:

1. The specific site is an appropriate location for the proposed sign and the design and layout complies with the standards and requirements set forth in this Bylaw;
2. The proposed sign will not adversely affect the abutting neighborhood or have the effect of causing a hazard to motorists;
3. The sign is in accordance with Section 7.4.3.1 of the Zoning Bylaws.
4. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.2 "Certificate of Insurance";

5. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.3 "Location of sign ;inclusion of permit number on sign";
6. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.5 "Maintenance; inspection"
7. All permits are subject to any necessary approvals, restrictions and conditions required and/or issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or the federal Government; and,

The Planning Board, in granting the special permit, shall attach such additional conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary.

Section 6.7.8.4 Sign Maintenance/Removal

(a) All signs and supporting structures shall be kept in good repair and free from tear, rust, and other indices of deterioration.

(b) If a sign permitted under Section 6.7.8 is abandoned, discontinued, blank, or is in disrepair for a period of ninety (90) days, it shall be cause for its removal. (For purposes of this section, a sign is "blank" if: (i) there is no advertising copy paid for by a person other than the sign owner or advertising an interest other than the rental of the sign for said ninety (90) day period; (ii) it advertises a business or service, enterprise or activity that is no longer operating or being offered or conducted; or (iii) the advertising message it displays becomes illegible in whole or substantial part.) The Building Inspector shall notify the owner and/or manager of the sign and property owner in writing, specifying a forty-five (45) day period to remove or repair. If the sign has not been removed or repaired within the time period to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector, the Building Inspector may revoke the sign permit and cause the sign to be removed forthwith. All expenses for the removal shall be borne by the sign owner and/or property owner as determined by the Building Inspector.

If the Building Inspector determines that a sign is an immediate threat to public safety irrespective of any stays granted to the sign and/or property owner, the Building Inspector may cause any sign, abandoned or not, and any portion of its support structure if deemed part of the public threat, to be immediately removed, and/or the threatened public area cordoned off. All expenses for protecting the public, including the removal of said sign or stabilization of the public safety threat, shall be borne by the sign owner and/or property owner as determined by the Building Inspector. A sign which is not abandoned may be returned to its original position, but only after repairs have been made and the public safety threat abated, to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector.

Section 6.7.8.5 Surety: The Applicant shall provide a financial surety to the Town which will cover the full cost of the

removal of any sign which is found to be abandoned, discontinued, blank or is in disrepair, as determined under Section 6.7.8.4. The Applicant shall deposit with the Town Accountant a surety in an amount which shall be determined by the Planning Board. Upon removal of the sign, any remaining funds shall be returned to the Applicant without interest.

And further to amend the dimensional chart for signs, currently located following Section 6.7.7.8 of Zoning Bylaws, by adding the below chart for the Commercial I Zone. Said chart to be in addition to the existing dimensional chart for Commercial I, II, III. And further to move all said dimensional charts to follow this new Section 6.7.8.

Commercial I

Sign Type Allowed	* Special Permit Required	Max Sign Area	* Max Height in Feet	* Front and Rear Setback	* Side Setback	Max Number	Comment
off-premise & billboard signage - Permitted in Commercial I District only	Y	672 SF per sign face- Not to exceed 14'x48' per sign face	The top of the sign shall be no greater than 50' above the elevation of the interstate Highway immediately adjacent thereto The bottom of the sign shall be no greater then 70' in height from the normal grade as calculated pursuant to Section 6.7.3.3 of these Zoning Bylaws	40' other than a sign facing an Interstate Highway for which there is no setback requirement * no more than 100' from Interstate Highway Layout	40' other than a sign facing an Interstate Highway for which there is no setback requirement * no more than 100' from Interstate Highway Layout	See Section 6.7.8	See Section 6.7.8 for additional restrictions and guidelines

Move the Question
Question is Moved
⅔ Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

*Sent to Attorney General on November 5, 2008

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to petition the legislature to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981, as amended, by: Deleting from Section 10, Paragraph © the words "which shall be updated biennially"; or to do anything in relation thereto.

John M. DeGeorge et al
148 Franklin Street

Article 2. Voted that the Town petition the legislature to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981, "An Act Establishing a Selectmen-Town Administrator Form of Government" as amended; by deleting from Sec. 10, Paragraph (c) the words "shall be updated biennially" so that the amended said paragraph read as follows:

"(c) In carrying out the activities related to personnel, the town administrator shall be governed by all applicable aspects of the personnel by-laws. In matters relating to hours and working conditions and related functions, those set out in the personnel by-laws or those covered by collective bargaining

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

*sent to Senator Tisei & Representatives Casey and Natale on October 23, 2008

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to establish a fee of Fifteen ($15) for each written demand issued by the Town Collector to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 15. Said fee to be effective beginning on January 1, 2009. (M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 15, as amended by Chapter 182, Section 15 of the Acts and Resolves of 2008, allows for the establishment of a demand charge of up to Thirty Dollars ($30). Prior to this 2008 amendment by the Legislature, the demand fee was set at Five Dollars ($5) by M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 15.)

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. Voted that the Town establish a fee of Fifteen ($15) for each written demand issued by the Town Collector to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 15. Said fee to be effective beginning on January 1, 2009. (M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 15, as amended by Chapter 182, Section 15 of the Acts and Resolves of 2008, allows for the establishment of a demand charge of up to Thirty Dollars ($30). Prior to this 2008 amendment by the Legislature, the demand fee was set at Five Dollars ($5) by M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 15.)

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code,

Chapter 13, Streets and Sidewalks, by adding a new Section 13-13, regulating printed material vending machines (e.g. newsracks, newspaper boxes, advertiser boxes, etc.) on Town owned or controlled property, including public ways, including, but not limited to provisions and requirements regarding: permitting process, applications; review process; certificates and certificates of compliance; fees; allowed and/or authorized and unauthorized locations; type, size, number, and manner of placement of printed material vending machine boxes or other equipment authorized or otherwise permitted; additional standards, including attachment(s), clearance, installation, usage, maintenance, safety, and appearance; prohibitions and/or limits on advertising unrelated to the display or sale of the publication; compliance review and requirements; insurance and indemnification; removal; abandonment; fines and penalties, including non-criminal disposition enforcement and fines (including the amendment of Chapter 1, Section 1-4A of the Stoneham Town Code "Non-Criminal Disposition" to include said non-criminal disposition subjects, enforcing person(s) and fines); process and fees for removal and storage by or on behalf of the Town; promulgation of regulations pursuant to the bylaw by the Town Administrator; effective date; and severability. And further to address as necessary in the same bylaw or another Section in said Chapter 13, the regulation, process and requirements regarding any other structure, equipment or street "furniture" on public property, including
public ways, to the extent deemed relevant by the Town to the regulation of printed material vending machines.

Or to do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article 4.

Passes Per Moderator

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a lease or leases of up to three (3) years with up to two (2) additional option years (which option(s) shall be at the sole discretion of the Town, through its Town Administrator) for the Stoneham Arena's Concessions, Pro Shop, and/or Vending Machines so as to allow a third-party(ies) to operate all or any one of these operations for uses which shall include, but not be limited to, those uses currently serving Stoneham residents and organizations.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. Voted that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a lease or leases of up to three (3) years with up to two (2) additional option years (which option(s) shall be at the sole discretion of the Town, through its Town Administrator) for the Stoneham Arena's Concessions, Pro Shop, and/or Vending Machines so as to allow a third-party(ies) to operate all or any one of these operations for uses which shall include, but not be limited to, those uses currently serving Stoneham residents and organizations.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management, and control of portions of the below parcels of land no longer needed for public purposes to the Board of Selectmen for purpose of sale of said land and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said sale or anything in relation thereto. Said property being portions of parcel 6 (Stoneham Town Hall) 35 Central Street, shown as:

Parcel 1	abutting #14 Emerson Street	434± s.f.
Parcel 2	abutting #14A Emerson Street	200± s.f.
Parcel 3	abutting #14B Emerson Street	219± s.f.

on a "Plan of Land in Stoneham, Massachusetts" dated September 15, 2008, by Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer, on file in the Town Clerk's Office at Stoneham Town Hall, 35 Central Street.
Or to do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. Voted that the Town transfer the care, custody, management, and control of portions of the below parcels of land no longer needed for public purposes to the Board of Selectmen for purpose of sale of said land and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said sale or anything in relation thereto. Said property being portions of parcel 6 (Stoneham Town Hall) 35 Central Street, shown as:

Parcel 1 abutting #14 Emerson Street 434± s.f.
(see description)

Beginning at an angle point in the northerly sideline of Emerson Street, a Public Way, said point being 266.73 feet from a point of intersection at Central Street, the line runs by said northerly sideline north 51-30-00 west, 13.00 feet to a point; thence the line turns and runs by land of the Town of Stoneham north 40-33-20 east, 38.74 feet, to a point; thence the line turns and runs south 51-30-00 east, 9.45 feet, to a point; thence the line turns and runs south 35-18-00 west, 38.78 feet, by land now or formerly of James S. Leis and Linda T. Leis, to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 434.5 square feet, more or less.

Parcel 2 abutting #14A Emerson Street 200± s.f.
(see description)

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the parcel known as #14A Emerson Street, the line runs
by three courses across land of the Town of Stoneham, north 51-30-00 west, 9.45 feet; north 40-33-20 east, 24.02 feet; and south 51-30-00 east, 7.24 feet, to a point at the northwesterly corner of #14A Emerson Street; thence the line turns and runs along the westerly line of #14A Emerson Street, south 35-18-00 west, 24.04 feet, to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 200.3 square feet, more or less.

Parcel 3 abutting #14B Emerson Street 219± s.f.
(see description)

Beginning at a point at the southwesterly corner of the parcel known as #14B Emerson Street, the line runs by two courses across land of the Town of Stoneham, north 51-30-00 west, 7.24 feet, and north 40-33-20 east, 40.76 feet, to a point; thence the line turns and runs by land of the Town of Stoneham south 52-59-19 east, 3.50 feet, to a point at the northwesterly corner of #14B Emerson Street; thence the line turns and runs along the westerly line of #14B Emerson Street south 35-18-00 west, 40.89 feet, to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 218.9 square feet, more or less.

as shown on a "Plan of Land in Stoneham, Massachusetts" dated September 15, 2008, by Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer.

⅔Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management, and control of a parcel of land, said property being a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting #409-413 Main Street to the Board of Selectmen for purpose of sale of said land, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said sale or anything in relation thereto. Said parcel being shown as parcel number 1 on the "Plan of Land in Stoneham, Massachusetts" dated September 15, 2008, by Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer. Said parcel consisting of 311.2 square feet, more or less. Plan is on file in the Town Clerk's office at Stoneham Town Hall, 35 Central Street.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. Voted that the Town transfer the care, custody, management, and control of a parcel of land, said property being a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting #409-413 Main Street to the Board of Selectmen for purpose of sale of said land, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said sale or anything in relation thereto. Said parcel being shown as parcel number 1 on the "Plan of Land in Stoneham, Massachusetts" dated September 15, 2008, by Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer.
(see description)

Beginning at an angle point in the northerly sideline of #409-413 Main Street (Route 28), a Public Way, said point being 99.69 feet west of the westerly sideline of Main Street (Route 28), the line runs south 66-42-55 west, 35.63 feet, to a point; thence the line turns and runs north 16-02-23 east, 22.58 feet, to a point; thence the line turns and runs south 73-57-37 east, 27.56 feet, to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 311.2 square feet, more or less.

⅔Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to grant an easement as generally described herein to NSTAR Electric. Said easement beginning on the easterly side of Citation Avenue thence running easterly across the following parcels of Town owned land: Map 9, Parcel 136; Map 9, Parcel 138, and Map 9, Parcel 116 to the Colonial Park School, as shown on the Town of Stoneham Board of Assessors' Map.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. Voted that the Town authorize the Board of selectmen and/or Town Administrator to grant an easement as generally described herein to NSTAR Electric for the installation of a 4 inch conduit approximately 410 feet in length at a depth of approximately 3 feet of such terms as said Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator deem appropriate Said easement beginning on the easterly side of Citation Avenue thence running easterly across the following parcels of Town owned land: Map 9, Parcel 136; Map 9, Parcel 138, and Map 9, Parcel 116 to the Colonial Park School, as shown on the Town of Stoneham Board of Assessors' Map.

⅔Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for a portion of the services provided by the contractor who cleaned and made ready the Stoneham High School after the fire at the Stoneham High School. And further to petition the General Court (the State Legislature), if necessary, for authorization for the Town to make such payment for a portion of those services.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No. 9.

Passes Unanimous

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the amount to be raised and appropriated under Article No. 33 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting and adjust the Fiscal Year 2009 departmental budgets and funding sources (as described in Exhibit A).

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. Moved that the Town amend the amount to be raised and appropriated under Article No. 33 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting and adjust the Fiscal Year 2009 departmental budgets and funding sources by Six Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars ($681,328) (as described in Exhibit A).

Motion to Amend made by Celia Schulhoff 144 Marble Street Unit 507 as follows: "To amend article 10 to add $100,000 to the operating budget of Department 400, Public Works Administration. The funds are to be taken from the Stabilization Account. The purpose of this amount is to restore and fund town trash/recyclable collections to the condominiums.

Amendment Fails
Hand Count
Yes No
19 41

Motion to Amend made by John DeGeorge 148 Franklin Street as follows: "Delete the $494,000 for Capital improvements Dept 918 and change Exhibit A as follows: Page 28 Delete the $494,000 under operating and Total and change the Operating Net Amount from $640,250 to $146,250 and change the Total Net Amount from $681,328 to $187,328 and under Revenue of the current year change the transfer from stabilization from $563,890 to $69,890 and the Net Amount from $681,328 to $187,328. Page 30 delete the $494,000 under operating and total and change the operating total from $48,192,024 to $47,698,024 and the total FY09 budget from $59,460,686 to $58,966,686.

Move Question
Question is Moved
Majority Vote Required
Amendment Fails

Motion to Amend made by John Warren, 25 Dean Street, Chairman Finance & Advisory Board, as follows:

Voted to amend Article 10 918 Dept Capital from $494,000 to $489,000. Net Amount $676,328. Withdrawal from Stabilization to $558,890.

Amendment Passes
Vote on Main Motion as Amended
⅔Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Exhibit A as Amended
OCTOBER 20, 2008 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
ARTICLE #10--(EXHIBIT A)

Adjust the following budgets:

Dept	Department	Salaries	Operating	Total	
122	Selectmen	$4,000		$4,000	Per Employee Agreement
123	Town Administrator	$10,000		$10,000	Per Employee Agreement
132	Finance Board Reserve Fund		($52,809)	($52,809)	Leaves $20,897 in the Reserve Fund
135	Accounting Dept	$25,000		$25,000	Per Employee Agreement
142	Assessors	$7,000		$7,000	Per Employee Agreement
155	MIS/GIS		$3,000	$3,000	Transfer from Police/Fire Telephone Budgets
161	Town Clerk	$16,000		$16,000	Per Employee Agreement
192	Public Property Maintenance	($23,172)		($23,172)	Eliminate clerical position
210	Police		($2,000)	($2,000)	Transfer to Dept #155 Telephone Budget
220	Fire		($1,000)	($1,000)	Transfer to Dept #155 Telephone Budget
241	Building Department	$750	($750)	$0	Hired temp to fill in for employee on sick leave
300	School Department		$87,000	$87,000	Underfunded Utility Budgets
399	Vocational School		$42,809	$42,809	FY09 Increase set aside in Reserve Fund
400	Public Works Department	$0	$50,000	$50,000	Recycling Program
543	Veterans		$15,000	$15,000	more claims
631	Arena		$5,000	$5,000	Vending Machine Supplies
910	Non Contributory Pension	$1,500		$1,500	Per Employee Agreement
918	Capital		$489,000	$489,000	Per Five Year Capital Plan
	Net amount	$41,078	$635,250	$676,328	

Said sum in the amount of Six Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars ($676,328) to be raised or transferred as follows:

Revenue of the Current Year:	
Additional State Aid	$67,438
Recycling Sticker Fee ($25 X 2,000)	$50,000
Transfer from Stabilization	$558,890
Net amount	$676,328

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $87,000 for School Department utility expenses, or to do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 11. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article #11.

Passes Per Moderator

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for expenses relating to the replacement of the roof of Stoneham High School and other capital projects at a cost not to exceed $600,000, or to do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 12. Voted that the Town approve $100,000 from the September 2008 Foundation Reserve state grant and to transfer $415,751.60 from the following articles for the purpose of this article:

$660.00 from Article 1 of the October 1997 Special Town Meeting

$2277.52 from Article 8 of the May 2002 Special Town Meeting

$2140.00 from Article 12 of the October 2002 Special Town Meeting

$11,504.77 from Article 14 of the October 2006 Special Town Meeting; and

$399,169.31 from Article 8 of the October 1997 Special Town Meeting as amended by Article 2 of the March 2002 Special Town Meeting.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow $400,000 to defray the cost of drainage improvements in the Spring Street and East Street area or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 13. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of Four Hundred thousand Dollars ($400,000) to defray the cost of drainage improvements in the Spring Street and East Street area; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to Four Hundred thousand Dollars ($400,000) under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

⅔Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Motion made by John DeGeorge 148 Franklin Street to move Article 15 ahead of Article 14.

Majority Vote Required
Fails Per Moderator
Article Not Advanced

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to remove the bump-outs in and along Franklin Street. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 14. Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of article #14.

Passes Per Moderator

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate $383,039 to be received by the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for fiscal year 2009 for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditure or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 15. Voted that the Town appropriate $383,039 to be received by the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for fiscal year 2009 for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditures.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay for prior fiscal year invoices. Said sum to be transferred from the FY09 Unclassified Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen

Article 16. Voted that the Town transfer from available funds, a sum of One Thousand Sixty-Two Dollars ($1,062) to pay for prior fiscal year invoices. Said sum to be transferred from the FY09 Unclassified Operating Budget.

9/10 Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the total amount of Fiscal Year 2009 Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to the Stabilization Fund Account immediately after it has been certified by the Department of Revenue; or do anything in relation there to.

John M. DeGeorge et al
148 Franklin Street

Article 17. Voted that the Town transfer the total amount of Fiscal Year 2009 Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to the Stabilization Fund Account immediately after it has been certified by the Department of Revenue.

⅔Vote Required
Hand Count

Yes	No
27	19

Fails Per Moderator

Motion to Dissolve
Meeting Dissolved at 10:30PM

2008 Annual Town Election Results

April 1, 2008

Board of Selectmen - Vote for One

Precincts	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	7	4	6	5	12	3	3	40
George E. Seibold	120	120	163	135	128	118	117	901
Richard S. Gregorio	170	153	186	150	197	187	194	1237
Write-ins	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	297	277	356	290	337	308	314	2179
								2179

Library Trustee - Vote for Two

Precincts	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	402	347	476	370	418	383	392	2788
Rocco Ciccarello	182	194	227	199	236	212	217	1467
Write-in (Michael Rora)	5	6	3	6	7	12	13	52
Write-in	5	7	6	5	13	9	6	51
Totals	594	554	712	580	674	616	628	4358
								4358

Board of Assessors - Vote for One

Precincts	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	111	95	127	90	112	100	109	744
William J. Jordan	185	180	228	199	224	208	204	1428
Write-in	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	7
Totals	297	277	356	290	337	308	314	2179
								2179

Planning Board - Vote for One

Precincts	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	95	79	129	79	95	94	87	658
Kevin C. McLaughlin	201	195	223	210	241	214	226	1510
Write-in	1	3	4	1	1	0	1	11
Totals	297	277	356	290	337	308	314	2179
								2179

Board of Health - Vote for One

Precincts	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	13	11	15	6	16	13	6	80
Traci A. Mello	145	125	156	163	153	150	118	1010
Christine M. Carino	139	141	184	120	168	145	190	1087
Write-ins	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	297	277	356	290	337	308	314	2179
								2179

School Committee - 3 Year Term - Vote for Two

Blanks	246	223	313	214	279	213	234	1722
Shelly MacNeill	187	180	200	195	202	219	223	1406
David C. Maurer	160	150	198	168	192	184	171	1223
Write-ins	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	7
Totals	594	554	712	580	674	616	628	4358
								4358

School Committee - 1 Year Unexpired Term - Vote for One

Precincts	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	121	97	136	99	121	115	108	797
Marc A. Grimaldi	173	178	216	190	216	192	203	1368
Write-in	3	2	4	1	0	1	3	14
Totals	297	277	356	290	337	308	314	2179
								2179

Housing Authority - Vote for One

Precincts	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	108	77	138	84	105	106	96	714
Frederick F. Mosley	188	199	217	206	230	202	217	1459
Write-in	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	6
Totals	297	277	356	290	337	308	314	2179
								2179

2008 Presidential Primary Results - Democrat

Presidential Preference

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	10
John R. Edwards	10	15	9	11	16	11	10	82
Hillary Clinton	503	474	559	451	452	462	432	3333
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	4	1	3	1	6	7	3	25
Christopher J. Dodd	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Mike Gravel	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Barack Obama	219	255	232	196	209	190	206	1507
Dennis J. Kucinich	0	1	4	4	0	1	1	11
Bill Richardson	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
No Preference	6	7	9	6	11	4	5	48
Write-in	0	0	2	3	2	4	2	13
Total	746	758	819	674	699	682	661	5039
								5039

State Committee Man

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	300	308	319	275	254	289	276	2021
Joseph F. Lawless, III	443	448	497	395	444	390	382	2999
Write-ins	3	2	3	4	1	3	3	19
Total	746	758	819	674	699	682	661	5039
								5039

State Committee Woman

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	236	253	276	208	208	240	234	1655
Peg Crowe	124	155	125	119	116	148	116	903
Betsy Sheeran	385	350	416	346	375	291	308	2471
Write-ins	1	0	2	1	0	3	3	10
Total	746	758	819	674	699	682	661	5039
								5039

Democratic Town Committee

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	18,114	18,683	20,702	16,121	16,953	17,162	16,674	124,409
Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David R. Adamson	272	270	267	258	272	232	232	1803
John D. Blanchard	268	259	263	262	254	224	208	1738
Cosmo M. Ciccarello	352	331	382	334	354	301	301	2355
Rocco Ciccarello	314	299	323	292	295	260	263	2046
Michael Seamus Day	273	262	263	247	249	252	216	1762
Murial A. Doherty	289	288	313	274	284	248	237	1933
Brian J. Domoretsky	288	282	278	253	243	222	221	1787
Denise J. Healy	283	294	276	277	263	239	224	1856
Charles F. Houghton	327	301	335	301	302	260	249	2075
Maureen E. Houghton	310	302	315	299	288	256	251	2021
Shelly A. MacNeill	289	286	289	279	277	263	263	1946
Richard D. Mangerian	292	273	279	269	279	235	249	1876
Kevin C. McLaughlin	320	338	316	292	307	260	264	2097
Pasquale Mele	274	257	278	255	251	229	213	1757
Shirley R. Murray	325	307	303	294	309	257	244	2039
August S. Niewenhous	300	279	276	268	267	232	227	1849
Andrea N. Pappas	289	281	268	274	263	254	227	1856
Damiel J. Pappas	281	265	265	258	249	235	222	1775
Kenneth D. Pruitt	272	285	255	251	248	221	208	1740
Michael J. Rotondi	314	322	339	318	309	281	272	2155
James C. Sinclair	284	265	255	250	258	226	223	1761
Charles S. Smith, III	278	285	283	268	255	238	225	1832
Robert W. Sweeney	308	314	312	290	319	260	258	2061
Theresa A. Ward	309	299	338	270	268	250	226	1960
John Warren	288	302	285	269	269	254	235	1902
John F. DePinto	305	307	328	288	311	265	268	2072
Cheryl M. Sanders	287	292	272	276	264	250	230	1871
Write-ins	5	2	7	3	5	4	5	31
Total	26110	26530	28665	23590	24465	23870	23135	176365
								176365

2008 Presidential Primary Results - Republican

Presidential Preference								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	5
John McCain	122	125	138	141	136	163	145	970
Fred Thompson	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	6
Tom Tancredo	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Duncan Hunter	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
Mike Huckabee	9	11	8	7	13	10	11	69
Mitt Romney	118	159	232	165	198	201	153	1226
Ron Paul	6	9	5	5	9	6	8	48
Rudy Giuliani	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	5
No Preference	1	1	3	0	1	2	1	9
Write-in	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
Total	258	307	389	321	357	390	323	2345
								2345

State Committee Man								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	112	137	170	130	163	187	148	1047
Albert J. Turco	144	169	218	191	193	202	175	1292
Write-in	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	6
Total	258	307	389	321	357	390	323	2345
								2345

State Committee Woman								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	115	134	182	138	173	189	151	1082
Monica C. Medeiros	142	172	207	183	182	199	172	1257
Write-in	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	6
Total	258	307	389	321	357	390	323	2345
								2345

Republican Town Committee								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	7787	9313	11664	9428	10722	11886	9854	70654
Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gordon E. Perks	89	105	143	139	128	123	104	831
Margaret J. Perks	89	103	139	138	129	116	101	815
Laurie A. Vines	85	105	154	136	132	123	104	839
Lawrence C. Allen	88	104	147	131	133	129	114	846
Laurie A. Twohig	91	103	143	135	123	127	110	832
Michael J. Twohig	90	100	145	133	126	128	113	835
Charles F. Ciano	94	115	150	139	140	143	110	891
Cheryl E. Ciano	91	116	146	135	139	137	107	871
Frank A. Vallarelli	109	128	175	156	156	152	129	1005
Frank P. Cesarale	83	105	148	134	124	130	111	835
Andrew Gould	91	115	144	132	125	126	107	840
Robert A. Fields, III	104	116	155	147	149	151	121	943
Mark Ventola	101	112	158	139	143	135	115	903
Write-ins	3	5	4	13	26	9	5	65
Total	8995	10745	13615	11235	12495	13615	11305	82005
								82005

2008 Presidential Primary Results - Green Rainbow

Presidential Preference								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jared Ball	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ralph Nader	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Elaine Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kat Swift	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cynthia McKinney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
								4

State Committee Man								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
								4

State Committee Woman								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
								4

Town Committee								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks								0
Write-ins								0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								0

2008 Presidential Primary Results - Working Families

Presidential Preference

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-ins	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
								0

State Committee Man

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
								0

State Committee Woman

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
								0

Town Committee

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks								
Write-ins								
Total								

State Primary Democratic Results- September 16, 2008

Office/Name								
Senator in Congress								
Senator in Congress	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	8	11	6	6	10	9	10	60
John F. Kerry	290	328	334	280	316	278	254	2080
Edward J. O'Rielly	176	172	181	158	200	169	158	1214
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	474	511	521	444	526	456	422	3354
								3354

Representative in Congress								
Rep. in Congress	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	122	97	118	103	128	122	105	795
Edward J. Markey	352	414	403	341	398	334	317	2559
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	474	511	521	444	526	456	422	3354
								3354

Councillor								
Councillor	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	110	99	97	98	101	102	88	695
Michael J. Callahan	256	318	307	256	322	245	229	1933
Roseann Trionfi-Mazzuchelli	108	94	117	90	103	109	105	726
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	474	511	521	444	526	456	422	3354
								3354

Senator in General Court								
Senator in General Court	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	474	511	521	444	526	456	422	3354
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	474	511	521	444	526	456	422	3354
								3354

Representative in General Court: Precincts 1.2.4.5.6.7 - Thirty-First Middlesex District								
Rep. in General Court	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	8	9	XXXXXXX	11	12	12	7	59
Jason M. Lewis	242	270	XXXXXXX	229	259	263	234	1497
Michael J. Rotondi	224	232	XXXXXXX	204	255	181	181	1277
Write-ins	0	0	XXXXXXX	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	474	511	0	444	526	456	422	2833
								2833

Representative in General Court: Precinct 3 - Thirtieth Middlesex District								
Rep. in General Court	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	13	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	13
Patrick Michael Natale	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	239	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	239
James J. Dwyer	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	269	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	269
Write-ins	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0
Totals	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	521	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	521
								521

Register of Probate								
Register of Probate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	223	242	234	208	241	228	183	1559
John R. Buonomo	215	223	251	209	234	196	202	1530
Write-ins	36	46	36	27	51	32	37	265
Totals	474	511	521	444	526	456	422	3354
								3354

Register of Probate - Write-in Tally								
Register of Probate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Sean O'Donovan	27	40	29	21	35	22	30	204
Tom Concannon	3	1	0	0	2	3	6	15
Charles DeCoste	6	5	7	6	14	7	1	46
Totals	36	46	36	27	51	32	37	265
								265

State Primary Republican Results- September 16, 2008

Office/Name	

Senator in Congress								
Senator in Congress	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	7	14	2	7	11	11	12	64
Jeffrey K. Beatty	39	47	33	53	40	42	50	304
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	46	61	35	60	51	53	62	368
								368

Representative in Congress								
Rep. in Congress	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	12	15	4	11	9	12	15	78
John Cunningham	34	46	31	49	42	41	47	290
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	46	61	35	60	51	53	62	368
								368

Councillor								
Councillor	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	46	61	35	60	51	53	62	368
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	46	61	35	60	51	53	62	368
								368

Senator in General Court								
Senator in General Court	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	4	7	2	5	1	5	5	29
Richard R.Tisei	42	54	33	55	50	48	57	339
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	46	61	35	60	51	53	62	368
								368

Representative in General Court: Precincts 1.2.4.5.6.7 - Thirty-First Middlesex District								
Rep. in General Court	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	10	9	xxx	9	6	9	9	52
Brian P. O'Connor	36	52	xxx	51	45	44	53	281
Write-ins	0	0	xxx	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	46	61	0	60	51	53	62	333
								333

Representative in General Court: Precinct 3 - Thirtieth Middlesex District								
Rep. in General Court	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	35	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	35
Write-ins	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	0	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0
Totals	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	35
								35

Register of Probate								
Register of Probate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	40	58	34	58	49	52	60	351
Write-ins	6	3	1	2	2	1	2	17
Totals	46	61	35	60	51	53	62	368
								368

Register of Probate - Write- in Tally								
Register of Probate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Sean O'Donovan	5	2	1	1	0	1	1	11
Tom Concannon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charles DeCoste	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	6
Totals	6	3	1	2	2	1	2	17
								17

State Primary Green Rainbow Results- September 16, 2008

Office/Name								
Senator in Congress								
Senator in Congress	**Pct. 1**	**Pct. 2**	**Pct. 3**	**Pct 4**	**Pct. 5**	**Pct. 6**	**Pct. 7**	**Total**
Blanks	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
								2

Representative in Congress								
Rep. in Congress	**Pct. 1**	**Pct. 2**	**Pct. 3**	**Pct 4**	**Pct. 5**	**Pct. 6**	**Pct. 7**	**Total**
Blanks	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
								2

Councillor								
Councillor	**Pct. 1**	**Pct. 2**	**Pct. 3**	**Pct 4**	**Pct. 5**	**Pct. 6**	**Pct. 7**	**Total**
Blanks	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
								2

Senator in General Court								
Senator in General Court	**Pct. 1**	**Pct. 2**	**Pct. 3**	**Pct 4**	**Pct. 5**	**Pct. 6**	**Pct. 7**	**Total**
Blanks	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
								2

Representative in General Court: Precincts 1.2.4.5.6.7 - Thirty-First Middlesex District								
Rep. in General Court	**Pct. 1**	**Pct. 2**	**Pct. 3**	**Pct 4**	**Pct. 5**	**Pct. 6**	**Pct. 7**	**Total**
Blanks	0	2	XXXXXXX	0	0	0	0	2
Write-ins	0	0	XXXXXXX	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
								2

Representative in General Court: Precinct 3 - Thirtieth Middlesex District								
Rep. in General Court	**Pct. 1**	**Pct. 2**	**Pct. 3**	**Pct 4**	**Pct. 5**	**Pct. 6**	**Pct. 7**	**Total**
Blanks	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0
Brian P. O'Connor	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0
Write-ins	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0
Totals	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0
								0

Register of Probate								
Register of Probate	**Pct. 1**	**Pct. 2**	**Pct. 3**	**Pct 4**	**Pct. 5**	**Pct. 6**	**Pct. 7**	**Total**
Blanks	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
								2

State Primary Working Families Results- September 16, 2008

Office/Name	

Senator in Congress								
Senator in Congress	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	5	4	6	0	2	10	6	33
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	4	6	0	2	10	6	33
								33

Representative in Congress								
Rep. in Congress	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	5	4	6	0	2	10	6	33
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	4	6	0	2	0	6	33
								33

Councillor								
Councillor	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	5	4	6	0	2	10	6	33
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	4	6	0	2	10	6	33
								33

Senator in General Court								
Senator in General Court	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	5	4	6	0	2	10	6	33
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	4	6	0	2	10	6	33
								33

Representative in General Court: Precincts 1.2.4.5.6.7 - Thirty-First Middlesex District								
Rep. in General Court	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	5	4	XXXXXXX	0	2	10	6	27
Write-ins	0	0	XXXXXXX	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	4	0	0	2	10	6	27
								27

Representative in General Court: Precinct 3 - Thirtieth Middlesex District								
Rep. in General Court	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	6	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	6
Write-ins	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	0
Totals	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	6	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	6
								6

Register of Probate								
Register of Probate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Write-ins	4	4	6	0	2	10	6	32
Totals	5	4	6	0	2	10	6	33
								33

Register of Probate - Write- in Tally								
Register of Probate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Sean O'Donovan	4	4	6	1	2	10	6	33
Tom Concannon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charles DeCoste	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	4	6	1	2	10	6	33
								33

2008 Presidential Tally Sheet

President and Vice President

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	10	7	5	9	16	5	4	56
Baldwin and Castle	2	3	0	3	5	2	2	17
Barr and Root	2	5	5	4	7	6	10	39
McCain and Palin	616	709	860	723	840	828	655	5231
McKinney and Clemente	3	3	2	2	1	3	2	16
Nadar and Gonzalez	18	13	28	12	8	12	7	98
Obama and Biden	967	1081	1038	881	905	897	956	6625
Write-ins	10	12	14	12	9	9	8	74
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Senator in Congress

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	53	62	70	49	58	56	62	410
John F. Kerry	1031	1080	1162	961	1044	1016	1006	7300
Jeffrey K. Beatty	497	540	677	606	634	648	532	4134
Robert J. Underwood	44	49	39	29	54	40	42	297
Write-ins	3	2	4	1	1	2	2	15
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Representative in Congress

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	91	114	125	90	113	108	121	762
Edward J. Markey	1162	1205	1305	1069	1149	1129	1124	8143
John Cunningham	373	412	517	486	526	523	396	3233
Write-ins	2	2	5	1	3	2	3	18
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Councillor

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	489	562	673	560	621	666	573	4144
Michael J. Callahan	1131	1164	1265	1063	1157	1087	1062	7929
Write-in	8	7	14	23	13	9	9	83
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Senator in General Court

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	445	507	498	424	478	477	453	3282
Richard R. Tisei	1166	1211	1439	1204	1299	1275	1186	8780
Write-ins	17	15	15	18	14	10	5	94
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Representative in General Court - 30th Middlesex District

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	0	0	635	0	0	0	0	635
James J. Dwyer	0	0	1304	0	0	0	0	1304
Write-ins	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	13
Totals	0	0	1952	0	0	0	0	1952
								1952

Representative in General Court - 31st Middlesex District

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	130	112	0	147	146	139	145	819
Jason M. Lewis	861	945	0	755	865	803	822	5051
Brian P. O'Connor	382	380	0	442	416	461	340	2401
Chad Riley	274	293	0	300	362	355	334	1918
Write-ins	1	3	0	2	2	4	3	15
Totals	1628	1733	0	1646	1791	1762	1644	10204
								10204

Register of Probate

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	523	576	707	571	614	646	602	4239
Tara E. Decristofaro	1098	1147	1236	1056	1162	1108	1030	7837
Write-ins	7	10	9	19	15	8	12	80
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Regional Vocational School District (Chelsea)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	651	738	858	696	734	776	720	5173
Michael T. Wall	969	987	1088	936	1045	977	919	6921
Write-ins	8	8	6	14	12	9	5	62
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Regional Vocational School District (Malden)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	691	765	897	733	766	805	742	5399
Earl W. Fitzpatrick	930	964	1048	900	1016	950	896	6704
Write-ins	7	4	7	13	9	7	6	53
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156

Regional Vocational School District (Melrose)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	715	783	922	744	780	835	759	5538
Henry S. Hooton	906	942	1024	890	999	920	880	6561
Write-ins	7	8	6	12	12	7	5	57
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Regional Vocational School District (North Reading)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	693	768	898	732	757	825	741	5414
Paul L. Sweeney	925	956	1049	904	1026	930	899	6689
Write-ins	10	9	5	10	8	7	4	53
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Regional Vocational School District (Reading)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	735	818	931	780	814	870	803	5751
James B. Perry	887	906	1016	856	969	886	835	6355
Write-ins	6	9	5	10	8	6	6	50
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Regional Vocational School District (Revere)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	759	847	959	803	842	898	816	5924
Ronald J. Jannino	859	876	987	834	939	855	822	6172
Write-ins	10	10	6	9	10	9	6	60
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Regional Vocational School District (Saugus)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	760	849	943	794	833	888	814	5881
Peter A. Rosetti, Jr.	859	879	1003	840	948	869	823	6221
Write-ins	9	5	6	12	10	5	7	54
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Regional School District (Stoneham)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	623	721	789	677	701	794	709	5014
Anthony E. DeTeso	998	1004	1158	956	1081	964	928	7089
Write-ins	7	8	5	13	9	4	7	53
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Regional Vocational School District (Wakefield)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	767	845	965	804	704	902	821	5808
Vincent J. Carisella	853	883	981	828	1078	856	818	6297
Write-ins	8	5	6	14	9	4	5	51
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Regioanl Vocation School District (Winchester)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	765	848	975	812	867	901	823	5991
John J. Bradley	853	878	971	823	914	855	816	6110
Write-ins	10	7	6	11	10	6	5	55
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Regional Vocational School District (Winthrop)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	1363	1462	1648	1383	1474	1489	1374	10193
Dawn Buccieri (Write-In)		0	0	0	0	0		0
Write-ins	265	271	304	263	317	273	270	1963
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Regional Vocational School District (Woburn)

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	764	870	983	822	886	905	833	6063
Deborah P. Davis	857	856	964	809	895	852	803	6036
Write-ins	7	7	5	15	10	5	8	57
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Question One

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	30	33	33	18	31	49	31	225
Yes	470	550	581	558	546	597	552	3854
No	1128	1150	1338	1070	1214	1116	1061	8077
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Question Two

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	35	34	44	29	37	47	37	263
Yes	1033	1070	1098	992	1006	1063	1054	7316
No	560	629	810	625	748	652	553	4577
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

Question Three

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Blanks	41	52	51	42	40	64	35	325
Yes	821	878	947	863	789	912	825	6035
No	766	803	954	741	962	786	784	5796
Totals	1628	1733	1952	1646	1791	1762	1644	12156
								12156

TOWN COUNSEL

I pleased to offer the following report concerning the office of the Town Counsel for the Year 2008.

With respect to litigation to which the Town was a party, the following cases were dispose of in the Year 2008:

Jan Five Corp. d/b/a Alexandra Construction v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court, Civil Action No. 05-05611.

Rotondi v. Town of Stoneham, et al., Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, MCAD Docket No. 078BEN02838.

The following cases were added in the Year 2008:

G & L Ventures, LLC d/b/a Servepro of Stoneham/Wakefield v. Town of Stoneham and MIIA Property and Casualty Group, Inc, Middlesex Superior Court, Civil Action No. 08-02857.

City of Melrose v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court, Civil Action No. 08-4490.

Seibold v. Rotondi et al. (as Members of the Town of Stoneham Zoning Board of Appeals) and Denise Dune, Middlesex Superior Court, Civil Action No. 08-1065.

Wantman, v. Weiss Farm, Inc. v. Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court, Civil Action No. 07-2623C. A. No. 07-2623 (Counts seeking relief from the Town of Stoneham added).

Additionally, significant time was given to the cases of Angelo Petrosino, Trustee of Stevens Street Realty Trust v. Gerard Cunningham, Vice Chairman [Zoning Board of Appeals], Middlesex Superior Court, Civil Action Nos. 07 MISC 351437 and 07 MISC 351439.

This office devoted significant time and attention to the variance petition of Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (a subsidiary of T-Mobile USA, Inc.) to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an 80 foot cell tower and wireless facility at the St. Patrick's Cemetery located off Broadway. This work included active appearances at all hearings, significant review of relevant materials, and extensive work with radio frequency consultants. The applicant withdrew its petition during the third day of the hearing.

As in past years, I responded to questions and requests from various boards and committees, including the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Conservation Commission. This included a number of opinions regarding legal issues arising from the proposed Home Depot off Fallon Road.

Attention was also given to the drafting of various legal documents, including a contracts for construction work at the Stoneham Arena (i.e. low-emissivity ceiling and rink boards and glass).

Continued attention was paid to cable television legal and regulatory matters. The Town of Stoneham is one of a limited number of municipalities in the Commonwealth, which licenses three (3) cable operators – Comcast, RCN and Verizon. Total financial support for public, educational and government ("PEG") access television from these licensees is in excess of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000). This does not include capital grants for PEG Access facilities and equipment.

My thanks and appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and other Town officials, department heads and employees, including the Board of Selectmen's Office Manager, Muriel Doherty, and Ms. Debbie Pettengill of the Town Administrator's office, for their continued assistance and support. Special acknowledgement and appreciation goes to Ms. Claire Garrett of this legal office, for her outstanding work and service on behalf on my behalf and for our community.

It is my honor to serve as Town Counsel

William H. Solomon
Town Counsel

STONEHAM TOWN HALL ORGAN

Stoneham is the only town in America with a theatre pipe organ in its town hall. The organ, built by Wurlitzer in 1927 and originally installed in WNAC radio (now WRKO), was donated to the town by Ralph Patch in 1942. The organ has almost 1,000 pipes, plus numerous percussions, including cymbals, xylophone, castanets, car horn, and doorbell.

A theatre organ is not like a church organ. They look, sound, and are played differently. Theatre organs are much more versatile, capable of playing all kinds of music, including rock, marches, rags, show tunes, and soft ballads.

Of over 10,000 theatre organs ever built, less than 300 still exist in America. Of these, Stoneham's organ is one of only 49 known to be unchanged since it was originally built.

Last January the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society sponsored a spectacular concert by 26-year-old Wisconsin organist Ron Reseigh, who showed how truly magnificent our organ can sound.

At that concert the American Theatre Organ Society presented the Town with a plaque, now on the auditorium wall, recognizing our organ as "of exceptional historic and musical merit, worthy of preservation", only the 55th in the country to be so honored.

The Stoneham Organ Society, a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, under the supervision of Town Organist Bruce Netten, has taken over the maintenance and restoration of the organ, as the town can no longer afford to do so. The organ's first major overhaul is continuing. We are very fortunate to have the services of expert theatre organ technician John Phipps. As he used to play this organ as a teenager and it is his favorite organ, he has a special affection for it. He has been charging less than a quarter of the going rate.

The major work that remains is:

1. The relay (the brain of the organ, which takes the signals from the keys and stops and tells which pipes to play) is in such bad condition that it is beyond economical repair and must be replaced. It is unreliable and its wiring is not up to current electrical code.

2. Each of the 1,000 pipes has a pneumatic valve under it to make it play. The 82-year-old leather in these valves is failing and must be replaced.

These two problems are the cause of 'dead notes' (pipes that do not play) and, if not corrected, will cause so many that the organ will soon become unplayable and a unique part of Stoneham's heritage would be lost.

Tax-deductible contributions to the Stoneham Organ Society are badly needed to continue the effort. One goal is to have the organ in good enough condition to be included in the American Theatre Organ Society's 2011 convention in Boston, which will bring the town some income and a lot of prestige.

The next fund-raising concert at the town hall will be on Sunday, May 31, at 2:00, featuring the organ-piano artistry of Jim and Linda Duncan.

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

The primary function of this office is the management of the Town's funds. We are responsible for depositing all revenue, as well as dispersing all payroll and vendor checks. Investment management and bond indebtedness are also functions of the Treasurer. The objective being that all funds are safe, liquid, and invested daily at the highest possible yield.

As of July 1st, all of the financial departments of the Town are now using the same software program, Munis version 7.2. It has been a challenge, to say the least. Once we are all comfortable with this new system it will be a lot easier and faster to communicate information between departments and should make reporting less complex.

In March the department hired a new Assistant Treasurer/Tax Collector, Paulette M. Gerry. She has proved herself to be a real asset to the office. Her computer knowledge and ability to learn quickly has helped tremendously.

At the end of June, Barbara Hanafin, one of our Office Assistants, retired after ten years. Her professionalism and sense of humor has been missed by us all. Barbara's position was cut in July from full time to a nineteen hour position. In August we hired Erin C. Sinclair for this position. Considering we were all involved with learning the new computer system and had very little time for instructing, Erin did exceptionally well with picking up on her own the workings of the department.

I would like to thank the rest of the staff, Peggy Columbus and Kathleen Sullivan. With the cut in personnel we have shifted some of the work load to Peggy which she has been able to assimilate into her day. And Kathleen has had to relearn payroll from the bottom up with the new program. Paulette and I are looking forward to the near future when Kathleen can train us on the new payroll system. We are all looking forward to having this training year behind us.

Respectfully,

Diane M. Murphy, Treasurer/Tax Collector